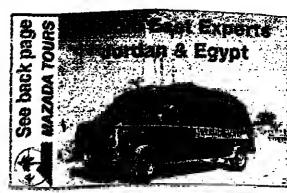


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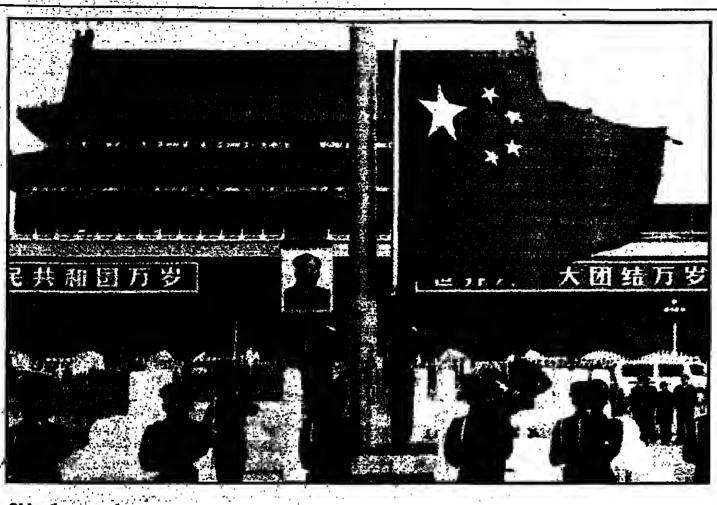
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Soldiers of China's People's Liberation Army hoist the Chinese national flag to half-mast in Tianaumen Square early yesterday, as part of mourning observances for leader Deng Xiaoping, who died late Wednesday. Story, Page 6.

host queen By DAVID MAKOVSKY

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By TOM GROSS.

There may not be many links etween Princess Diana and the sh royal family these days, ext week President Ezer will be providing one. some are calling an iron-in the saga of the House of r, Weizman will hold the nical banquet traditionally given by visiting heads of state for their host, Queen Elizabeth II, in Spencer House, the former seat of .

The queen will host a banquet at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday in Weizman's honor, but since the

former daughter-in-law

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Toto mania

defends 50 Toto fever gripped the country yesterday, as the mounting jackpot passed NIS 21 million and appeared to be headed to a new record, and officials predicted income from contest hopefuls reach NIS 50m. bluow Meanwhile, picking this week's winning combination became even more tricky, as a promised storm threatened to cancel many soccer matches.

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Weizman to FM cronies get top envoy jobs

Foreign Minister David Levy appears to have beaten Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in a long stalemate on diplomatic. appointments, yesterday naming three political cronics to positions in London, Pretoria, and New

Dror Zeigerman, a former Levy political appointee in Toronto, was named ambassador to Britain; Uri Oren, a former Levy political appointee in Los Angeles, was named ambassador to South Africa; and Kiryat Yam Mayor Shmuel Siso was named consulgeneral in New York, a position involving contacts with American Jewish organizations and the major media organizations based

Heads of American Jewish organizations, asked to comment on Siso's appointment, refused to do so. Leaders of several Jewish organizations in Los Angeles, asking not to be quoted, have made scathing comments about Oren's "non-performance" as consul-gen-

eral in that city. Levy's success with these appointments follows his triumph of last summer, when he forced Netanyahu to name another political ally, Eliyahu Ben-Elissar, as ambassador to Washington. Netanyahu has yet to name any of his own allies to a diplomatic posi-

Aides to Netanyahu refused to comment on why the premier yielded all the appointments to

The Foreign Ministry's appointments committee has still not named a UN ambassador - a post vacant for eight months, nor has it named envoys to Russia or

During a meeting with Levy in September, then US envoy to the UN Madeleine Albright complained that Israel urgently needed to fill the UN post to defend itself

against attacks by Arab and other countries at the General Assembly. Not all of yesterday's appointments were political ones. Oded Eiran, one of the most senior officials in the Foreign Ministry, was named ambassador to Jordan, replacing outgoing envoy Prof. Shimon Shamir. Eiran was said to be interested in the UN and London posts, hut was subsequently informed that these would

be going to political appointees. Harry Kneital, who was considered a candidate for the No. 2 post in Washington, was named ambassador to Belgium. Kneital has been heading the Foreign Ministry's policy planning unit. The Washington position is

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Indictment in Bar-On affair likely – report

and Jerusalem Post Statt

Members of the team investigating the alleged Bar-On-for-Hebron affair and sources in the State Attorney's office believe that, based on evidence gathered until now, they will be able to recommend filing an indictment, Israel Radio

reported last night.
The report said the charge is not related to any criminal activity specifically related to either the Bar-On-for-Hebron deal or claims that Bar-On supported a plea bargain for Shas MK Aryeh Deri.

Also last night, Channel 1 report-ed that police are investigating whether Deri pressured Ma'ariv not to publish news of attorney Roni Bar-On's candidacy for attorneygeneral, so as not to sabotage the appointment.

The police have been probing suspicions that Deri extorted Bar-On's appointment as attorney-general from the cabinet, in the hope Bar-On could arrange a plea bargain or other benefits. The allegations are that Deri threatened that Shas would not support the Hebron agreement

unless Bar-On was appointed, During questioning by police Tuesday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is believed to have denied that Deri struck any deal with him or anyone else regarding Bar-On's appointment.

Investigators met yesterday with State Attorney Edna Arbel and her aides to discuss Netanyahu's testimony and how to proceed further.

Efforts are focusing on whether or not several individuals already questioned by police were guilty of fraud or breach of trust, and perhaps blackmail. These include Deri, who police believe pressured various individuals, including some in the Prime Minister's Office, to have Bar-On appointed.

At this stage, police do not have evidence to support Channel 1's

claims that Bar-On promised Deri a plea bargain if appointed, or that Deri demanded Bar-On's appointment in exchange for Shas supporting the withdrawal from Hebron.

The investigation is expected to enter its final stages next week, with several new individuals to be called in for questioning. Director-General Avigdor Lieberman and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi are also to be questioned again. The investigation is expected to last at least another two weeks.

Den's attorney in his ongoing trial on bribery charges. Navot Tel-Tzur, asked to meet Arbel next week to discuss the implications of the resignation of Deri's top Iswyer on the team. Dan Avi-Yitzhak, and the resulting difficulty in continuing the

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani hinted yesterday that Avi-Yitzhak's resignation is significant to the investigation. Read between the lines and the headlines, and add one and one," he said. "Certain people planned the move and they had partners. Who did what, and whether it went as far as the justice minister and prime minister, that wali have to be investig

Hasson, who broke the Bar-Onfor-Hebron story last month, reported yesterday that Deri acted from the start to appoint Bar-On, despite his statement that he only did so to keep Avi-Yitzhak, who was also a candidate, as his attorney.

Hasson said a week before news of Bar-On's candidacy appeared in Ma'ariv, the newspaper's reporter Ofir Hacham called Bar-On to ask whether he was the leading candidate. Bar-On denied the story.

Immediately afterwards, Deri telephoned Ma'ariv owner Ofer Nimrodi and urged him not to publish the story. How did Deri know of the report and why did he try to hide

A few days later, Deri called Nimrodi again, and when he understood the report was to be published, asked that the newspaper stress that Judge Zvi Tal was Shas's candidate. He also asked that if Bar-On's name was to be mentioned, the paper should write good things about him and say be is a leading criminal attorney and "high-powered."
Ma'ariv checked this out and found out, in addition to more details about Bar-On, that Tal was not a candidate. The newspaper did not fulfill

Deri's requests, Hasson said, When the Bar-On-for-Hebron affair was exposed, Deri claimed he hardly knew Bar-On and the only contact he had with him was a meeting five or six years ago, and another meeting at a party after Bar-On had resigned, Hasson continued.

Why then, she asked, did Deri exert pressure not to publicize the candidacy of a man he was not in contact with and wby, after realizing he could not prevent publication, did he then want good things to be written about him?

Former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair sharply attacked Deri yesbribery charges cannot serve as the head of a political movement.

"A democratic state, governed by the rule of law, cannot tolerate a situation in which a man facing bribery charges is the leader of a political movement, and as such is courted by all sides of the political spectrum. Can this be comprehended in a democratic regime? Can it be that a man like this should not shut himself up at home until the end of the trial?

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's opinion about suspending the people involved in the Bar-

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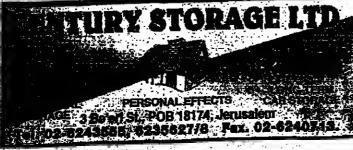
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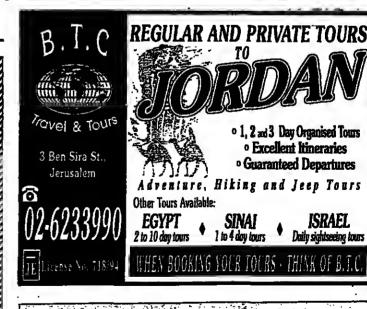
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NEWS

in brief

Arens to be acting Likud convention chairman

Moshe Arens is resuming his political activity and will be appointed acting chairman of the Likud convention today, after a few years as a private businessman.

Arens, formerly foreign minister and defense minister said he decided to return to political life to revive and pull together "the sleepy, inactive movement. It's very important to bring it back to life and full activity." After retiring from the Likud primaries in 1992, Arens went into business and joined tycoon Shaul

Eisenberg's company. Arens was one of the staunchest supporters of Binyamin Netanyahu's candidacy for prime minister, and helped promote Michal Yudelman the latter's political career in the Likud.

Man strangled by his brothers

A resident of the Israeli Arab village of Beit 'Aur a-Tahta was murdered by his two brothers yesterday morning, police said. The two were arrested and have reportedly confessed.

Police say Mustafa Nabata was strangled at his home in the village, situated near Beit Horin. An anonymous call alerted them to the crime and the brothers' car was stopped at a roadblock. They were caught when they tried to escape on foot.

No explanation for the murder has so far been given, although police said the man's widow is Jewish and a former resident of Ramle. He left three children.

Ministry complains to Bassiouny over Azzam

The Foreign Ministry summoned Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny yesterday to complain that Israeli Arab Azzam Azzam is being held on trumped-up spy charges. Bassiouny said that Egypt could not intervene since the case is

in the hands of the Egyptian courts. According to Peace Now activists who met with Mubarak in December, the Egyptian president admitted his decision to hold Azzam was unrelated to the merits of the case. Rather, he feared that Azzam's release would be interpreted domestically as yielding to Israeli pressure.

Histadrut signs pact with Palestinian union

The Histadrut and Palestinian Trade Union Federation signed an agreement yesterday that will allow Palestinian workers to sue in Israeli courts for loss of income incurred by closures, Histadrut leader Amir Peretz said. Palestinian workers will be able to make their appeals "in the territories to Histadrut representatives who will set up offices there and receive claims to Israeli courts," he added.

Two hurt in road accidents

A 24-year-old motorcyclist was seriously injured on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway when he tried to pass through two cars and hit one of them, ricocheting into the adjacent lane, where be was hit by other cars.

A 30-year-old Acre man who works as a driver for Truva was crushed by a car that backed into him near-a loading dock at the Tnuva warehouse at Haifa Port. He suffered moderate-to-serious

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Civilian killed in zone fighting

Tension remained high in south Lebanon yesterday following more heavy fighting in the region during which a Lebanese civilian was killed, the second this week.

The Lebanese government lodged a complaint with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee over the incident, accusing-Israel and the South Lebanese Army of being responsible for the man's death.

Originally, it was claimed that the man died as a result of shelling by IDF and SLA gunners in the region of Frun village, just beyond the northern perimeter of the security zone's central sector.

The IDF Spokesman, however, issued a statement totally denying

the claims, saying that the matter had been investigated and there had been some IDF shelling in the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group had been no firing towards Frun.

Later it was reported that the man had died as a result of a roadside bomb, for which the Lebanese authorities, as well as Hizbullah, blamed the IDF and

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said a patrol of troops from the force's Finnish battalion had been sent to the scene of the explosion and had found bloodstains there.

UN sources said it appeared that there had been an explosion caused by some improvised device in the area, but further checks would have to be carried. out to find the cause, as well as to identify the victim.

general region at the time but it was about two kilometers north of headquarters in Nakoura over the blast in Frun.

The IDF Spokesman said gun-ners had returned five after SLA positions in the Shomriya region had come under long-range mortar attacks for which the Amal Shi'ite movement had claimed responsi-

Earlier, Hizbullah gunmen had fired mortars and light weapons at an SLA outpost around Turnat Niha in the Jezzine enclave north of the zone. There were no casualties and IDF and SLA gunners

The fighting, preceded by IDF sing unshelling of terrorist targets north of the zone late Wednesday night April.

According to the sources there and early yesterday, came as the continued to meet at UNIFIL's complaints relating to heavy exchanges on Tuesday. .

During that fighting, a Lebanese woman was killed and two other civilians were wounded. The Lebanese government protested to the monitoring group over the incidents, accusing Israel of being responsible for the civilian casual-

Israel maintained that the shelling was in self-defense and that Hizbullah gunmen were responsible by firing from inside villages north of the zone, violating understandings that ended the Grapes of Wrath fighting last

Reports from Lebanon said the five-nation monitoring group, after an all-night session which began on Wednesday, had assued a statement yesterday contemning Tuesday's IDF shelling which resulted in the civilian casualties.

The IDF Spokesman, however. said the group had denounced the exchanges and had expressed its deep concern over the death of the Lebanese woman as a result of the firing. The group reiterated its call to all the sides to abide by the understandings and to prevent endangering civilians.

UN sources said the monitoring group is to meet again today to discuss the latest complaint from Lebanon following the death of the man in Frun yesterday.

Gold: US not pushing for full withdrawal

By STEVE RODAN

The US no longer advocates an Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 borders, a key government adviser who returned from talks with the Clinton administration said last

night.
. Dore Gold, senior policy adviser to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, said the US conception of the final status of the territories has undergone changes since the mid-1980s. Then, US President Ronald Reagan issued a plan that called for full Israeli withdrawal from the territories captured in the 1967 war, a position identical to the one expressed by US Secretary of State William

Rogers in 1969. There is a belief in the Israeli public that in [the late US President Richardj Nixon's safe there is the Rogers plan and that every president signs on to it,"
Gold said, in an address to the American Jewish Committee.

Gold, who acknowledged the huge gap between Israeli and Palestinian positions on final status, said the US as no longer insistent on a withdrawal to the 1967 borders. He said this reflects such changes as low oil prices and the collapse of the Soviet Union.

There have been many developments in the US conception on final status," Gold said. "The US prefers not to express a position. It will agree to whatever agreement is reached by the two parties."

Gold said the US accepts the Netanyahn government's insistence that the Arabs and Palestinians demonstrate reciprocity in their relations with Israel. He said the US is committed to expanding Israel's limited rela-tions with the Gulf states and North Africa as well as forging new ties with other Middle Es

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the king of spades, the king of hearts, the nine of diamonds and the 10 of clubs.

In last night's weekly Pavis Hazak drawing, the holder of tick-et mimber 455396 wou NIS 1 million, while ticket number 317801 was good for a new car.

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CORRECTION

In yesterday's story 'Peace Now protests widening of bypass road,' the last paragraph should have read; "Lerner said that plans include widening the road and repaying it, but stressed that there were no plans to build a new road or a tunnel."

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Official condolences

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(Biom Hendler)

Palestinian rights group slams Israel, PA

By JON IMMARUEL

The Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment issued a two-part annual report yesterday on human rights violations by Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The part on Israel said there was an upsurge in settler violence and land confiscation since Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was elected in May, while violations by the PA were often aggravated by the presence of 12 security agencies apparently acting with no clear mandate or controls.

Although Palestinian civil courts have ordered prisoners released, the executive authority has ignored them, the report said. Palestinian police have opened fire indiscriminately and under circumstances where shooting was not legal, often hitting and killing

passersby.
The human rights situation appeared to improve in January last year but deteriorated following the suicide bombings in late

February and early March. The closure, which was clamped down after the attacks, prevented students, doctors, and pregnant women from studying, working or getting treatment

The second half of the year saw an increase in confiscation of land by the government and in warnings that houses in area C deemed illegal would be demolished. Settlers also became more aggressive, the report said, citing attacks against Palestinian farmers, against property near Kiryat Arba in November and attacks attributed to settlers, such as a drive-by shooting which killed Ali Sahouri, villager from Sinjil, north of Ramallah.

"The Israeli army position shows a clear bias toward settlers"

The PA, however, fared little better. Khader Shkeirat, director of the group, said that in a 10-minute conversation he had with Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein he felt that he might as well "have been talking about violations in

Israeli Embassy is not large

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enough to hold Weizman's return affair on Thursday, Jacob Rothschild has generously stepped in to lend Israel the grand and glittering Spencer House for the function, which is to be attended by the leading lights of

British society and Anglo-Jewry.

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Rothschild himself has fallen out with some other members of the family, leaving its bank, N.M. Rothschild, to become the first

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expected to go to a political

Other appointments named yesterday were: David Matnai, head of the Foreign Ministry's southeast Asian department, as ambassador to Thailand; Shlomo Morgan, who served as deputy

chief of mission in Stockholm, as ambassador to Senegal; Yoram Sheni, who headed one of the ministry's economic divisions, as consul-general in San Francisco; Noah. Gandler, who heads the training department, as ambassador to Uzbekistan; and Avi Binyamin, who heads the interfaith department, was named deputy chief of mission in

Rothschild to make a fortune of

his own since the family came out

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However, he has continued the

Rothschild tradition of helping

finance Israeli causes, including

the construction of Jerusalem's

British royal-watchers discount-

ed the possibility that next week's

dinner would turn out to be a dif-

ficult reminder for the queen of

her son's failed marriage.
"Whatever trouble there may still

be between in-laws is not going to.

obscure next week's splendid

royal occasion," said one. Meanwhile Prince Charles,

whose mother is head of the Church of England, has in recent weeks been criticized in Britain

for becoming overly pro-Islamic.

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on British schools to employ

more Moslem teachers in order to

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US Reform leader looks to CIS immigrants

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union should be natural allies of the Reform and Conservative movements in the dispute over conversions here, but it hasn't happened and Rabhi Eric Yoffie, head of the Reform movement in the US, can't figure out

Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), who is here for the Jewish Agency Executive meeting has been meeting with MKs in an effort to avert passage of the proposed conversion law, which would bar official recognition for non-Orthodox conversions performed in Israel.

But he admitted chances of stopping passage of the bill are slim, and one reason is that the Yisrael Ba'aliya Party supports the legis-

Yoffie said he realized the party is motivated by coalition considerations, but he cannot understand how it can remain apathetic to the plight of over 100,000 immigrants who are not recognized as Jews. Many would gladly convert if the rabbinical courts would accept them, Yoffie said.

"It's a great puzzle to us. The same hill that denies Reform and Conservative conversions also prolongs the situation where peowho consider themselves

Jewish can't convert," Yoffie said. In fact, a group of immigrants who have undergone Reform and Conservative conversion are due to demonstrate on Sunday, outside the office of Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky, the head of Yisrael Ba'aliya, while the latter meets with American Jewish leaders, including the heads of the Conservative and Reform move-

Yoffie said the Russian immigrants had been conditioned by the Soviet system to manage in unsavory situations, but he believes that this will soon change to anger and political activism, just as it had among the Ethiopian immigrants. Sharansky's spokesman, Roman

Polansky, said yesterday that the minister sees a great importance in deepening the connection with Diaspora Jewry and between Jews of differing religious backgrounds. However, Polansky also noted Sharansky has gone on record as opposing recognition of Reform and Concervative conversions performed here, while continuing to recognize those per-

formed abroad.

Meanwhile, Yoffie said that some US Jews are diverting their UJA contributions to the Reform Movement. He himself, he said, had written letters at the request of several Jewish federations affirming the importance of giving to the general campaign.



Focus on the CIS

United Israel Appeal chairman Shoshana Cardin (right), speaks at a Jewish Agency Board of Governors subcommittee meeting yesterday on CIS countries, as Alla Levy, director of the Jewish Agency's Former Soviet Union Division, looks on.

(Brist Hendler)

Banks close early today

The banks will be open no more than half a day today, as bank workers strike in their struggle to shift from a six- to a five-day workweek.

The National Labor Court yesterday issued a temporary injunction allowing the country's 40,000 workers to strike every day of the week, as long as the strike is limited to no more than half the regular daily banking hours.

The court rejected the Banks Association and Consumer Council petition against the strike. The petition was filed following the decision by the workers committees and the Histadrut to call a complete strike at the banks every Friday. The majority of banks were closed last Friday.

Bank managements and workers' committees were instructed to engage in intense negotiations in

week. The managements and committees are required to submit progress reports to the court next.

Thursday. The court instructed border-crossing branches to remain open today.

Most of the banks' works committees said they intend to strike all day despite the court injunction and the Histadrut's call to respect it. At press time it was unclear how many hours each bank will strike.

"Bank Discount workers will not work Fridays until manage ment agrees to a transition to a five-day workweek," said Riki Bechar, head of Bank Discount's

workers committee.

Bank spokesmen said automatic teller machines and bank telephone services will be operating all day. A First International Bank spokesperson said its telephone banking service, which is usually closed or an attempt to reach an agreement Friday, will be operating.

Rabbinate official linked to conversion scandal takes leave

By HAIM SHAPIRO and Itim

A senior administrator at the Chief Rabbinate is going on leave for two weeks because her name has been linked to the alleged payment of bribes to speed up conversions.

In a letter to Chief Rabbinate Director-General Gedalia Schreiber. Yehudit Herstein said that she felt called upon to gotake leave, although she insist-

ed that she had committed no crime. She said she feared being used as a tool with which

Meanwhile the two rabbis suspected of taking bribes to speed up conversions, Michael Dushinsky and Binyamin Bar-Zohar, bave had their remand extended until Monday, following a police appeal against an earlier decision to release

to attack the Chief Rabbinate.

Beit She'an Engines factory reopens Sunday

By DAVID RUDGE

The Beit She'an Engines factory - closed for nearly three weeks due to insufficient orders - is to reopen on Sunday following an agreement between management and the Defense Ministry.

The accord means that the jobs of the 35 workers at the plant in the unemployment-stricken development town will be safeguarded for at least the next year.

The agreement was reached after a meeting yesterday between representatives of the Histadrut, the workers and management with Defense Ministry director-general Maj.-Gen. (res) Ilan Biran at the ministry's offices in Tel Aviv.

The plant, which overhauls IDF engines, was shut down nearly three weeks ago due to a shortage of work and dismissal notices were later sent to the workers.

Foreign Minister David Levy. himself a Beit She'an resident, intervened following demonstrations by the workers outside the factory and the Knesset in

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Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai pledged to increase the number of orders placed with the plant, which relies entirely on work from the IDF, to enable the factory to stay in husiness.

Management, however, said the proposed number of orders was insufficient to keep the business running and all the workers employed for a full year.

Beit She'an Histadrut branch chairman Pini Kabalo said it had been agreed in the talks yesterday that the ministry would further increase the number of orders placed with the company this year to enable it to continue operating.

"We are all very pleased, espe-cially the workers. This is what we had been fighting for - their right to be able to earn their livelihoods and the right of the factory to continue," said Kabalo.

"It was made clear, however, that this agreement would apply to this year only and that management and the workers would, during the course of the year, have to begin to start to hreak into the civilian market," said Kabalo.

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Har Homa

rime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is learning that, in his joh, there is nn respite for the weary. No sooner is the grueling ordeal of the Hebron deal behind bim than a new issue crops up, equally ridden with the threat of political, diplnmatic, and physical unrest. The issue that brought him to power has now come back to baunt him: The charge of dividing Jerusalem.

Whn would have dreamt that the candidate whose election slogan last spring was "Peres will divide Jerusalem" would now be accused of the same heresy by much of his own coalition? Approval of a long-simmering plan to build nn Har Homa, a barren hilltop just inside Jerusalem's southern municipal boundary, has become the litmus test of whether Netanyahu will assert Israeli sovereignty nver all of

Netanyahu seems to be in a no-win situation. If be allows building to commence, Palestinian leaders are threatening it will be taken as a "dec-laration of war," violence could ensue, and his post-Hebron honeymoon could be nixed before be bas had the chance to set down his bags. If he stops the bulldozers from rolling forward, his coalition could fall apart, and he would be seen as unable to impose his will in Jerusalem, the very issue on which he enjoys the support of a broader Israeli consensus than any other in the

The threat of the National Religious Party and other individual MKs to bring down the coalition over Har Homa seems more real than the similar threats over the Hebron agreement, but in the end they will prove equally as empty.

Netanyahu's increasingly feisty rightist opposition knows that the alternatives to the current government are a unity government with Shimon Peres or new elections, neither of which is likely to shift the government in their direc-

But even if coalition politics do not force him to do so. Netanyahu probably does not see the istic one. The Oslo process bas already compelled Netanyahu to perform seemingly impossible ideological contortions - curtailing building in Jerusalem would mean that what was left of the Likud ideology had evaporated into thin air. Freezing development in Jerusalem would be worse than breaking a campaign promise, it would contradict an expectation so understood that it did not even have to be promised

Given this situation, it is not surprising that Netanyahu committed to his allies before this week's Knesset debate on Jerusalem that the government would approve building on Har Homa, and that the timing would be decided next week. Hanging over the decision will be the threat of a replay of the violence that fol-Inwed the opening of a new exit from the Western Wall Tunnel last September. There are reasons to believe, bowever, as General Security Service bead Ami Ayalon told a Knesset committee, that there will be no repetition of the "explosion" that occurred at that

While the opening of the tunnel exit was the match that lit the conflagration, and left 70 dead in September, the real reasons behind it were the sense that Israeli territorial concessions had ended, and the crushing effect which the closure had on the Palestinian economy. Since then, both these factors have changed dramatically, leading to Avalon's assessment that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat "nn longer has an interest" in inciting a vinlent upheaval, though popular pressure could change Arafat's

Another significant factor mitigating against a repeat of September is the narrowing of Arafat's margin of deniability with respect to future violence. It would be considerably more difficult for Arafat to credibly deny responsibility for violence if he once again calls for "jihad," and if Palestinian police once again do not lift a finger to prevent confrontation between angry mobs and Israeli soldiers. This time, it will not be enough for Arafat to be one slim step removed from the rioting; he will have to be seen as working actively to prevent violence if be is to avoid responsibility for it.

Even if the question of vinlence is taken off the table, the diplomatic consequences of going forward with the Har Hnma project in the teeth of blistering Palestinian opposition are formidahle. The United States may well understand Israel's position, and might even veto the inevitable lopsided UN resolution condemning Israel. But the American push for positive gestures from the Arab world in the wake of the Hebron accord would suddenly be facing an

In effect, the diplomatic cost to Netanyahu nf preceding with Har Homa could be the loss of most of the international credibility be painfully won through the Hebron agreement. There is, however, a third option between doing nothing and building unilaterally - one that neither side can advocate but is in the interests of both.

The third possibility is a tacit deal between Netanyahu and Arafat.

Netanyahu could transform Israel's first redeployment, scheduled for March 7, from a symbolic two percent of Judea and Samaria, to a more substantial percentage. In exchange, Arafat would remain opposed to the building project, but would commit to working publicly and behind the scenes to prevent a violent response once the bulldozers start maying.

Netanyahu has implicitly introduced the conoption of doing nothing on Har Homa as a real-,, cept, of a deal with the suggestion that part of Har Homa could be slated for Palestinian hous-

> There is a difference, however, between a "deal" that is a unilateral juxtaposition of "something for you, something for me" and a negotiated agreement. The Western Wall Tunnel case is actually an example of a failed juxtaposition-type "deal." Israel thought that a new mosque on the Temple Mount would diffuse Palestinian opposition to the opening of the new tunnel exit. It did not.

Netanyahu had better learn from that mistake. and this time reach an agreement, at least indirectly, with Arafat. As usual, the United States is the key. The US could broker such an agreement in conjunction with Arafat's upcoming visit to Washington, which happens to be about the same time as Israel's first redeployment.

If such a deal becomes public, Netanyahu is sure to be criticized for "negotiating over Jerusalem" with Arafat. That bridge has been crossed by Oslo itself, which explicitly includes Jerusalem as a negotiating issue.

Arafat, too, might be criticized for "giving up" part of what he is seeking as a future capital. But Arafat will gain directly from whatever Israel concedes in the deal, and indirectly through the confirmation that be does in fact have influence over Israel's actions in its eternal

Like most messy solutions, the main virtue bere is being better than the alternatives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"HOLOCAUST COOKBOOK"

Sir, - All whn have worked for Sir. - Efraim Zuroff is a friend of long standing whose scholar-ship on the Holocaust 1 respect, and whose passinnate cummil-ment to bringing the perpetrators to justice 1 revere. He will remain Campaign. a personal friend even though 1 Ex-Prisoners of Zion and ex-

beg to differ with his judgment (ynur stnry, "Outrage nver 'Holocaust cookbook," February who now bring prosperity to Israel All of ns, in Israel and in London. In Memory's Kitchen is a docu-

ment which tells us how wamen spent their time and how they confronted and wrestled with hunger by recalling the past - a time when they had homes and kitchens. To call the publication of the socalled cookbook "sick" is tn defame those who compiled it in the camps. That is disrespectful.

Instead, I believe that the recipes are personal documents of those who endured the abyss. As historians, we must engage documents in a variety of forms - albeil unusual

As to the publishing success of the work, let me set the record straight, I received no funds for writing the foreword. I receive no royalties. 1 wrote the foreword because I believe that people should know about Theresienstadt and about how some women struggled with their bunger. 1 still do. MICHAEL BERENBAUM

Los Angeles.

EX-PRISONERS OF ZION

Soviet Jewry in the last 30 years must be grateful to you for publishing Batsheva Tsur's article on the hardships now being endured hy the leaders of the Soviet Jewish

long-term refuseniks paved the way for the 750,000 immigrants the Diaspora, owe them a debt of gratitude and we should all feel

shame that they are now being, literally, thrown on the dust heap. We hope that the heroes and heroines we were so proud of in past years will not end their days in penury.

MARGARET RIGAL

RITA EKER 35 Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry

Sir, - I was intrigued by the article of January 31 by Judy Siegel about Thomas Edison's antisemitism finally coming to light. Nn doubt, Edison found much to support his views when in 1878 he joined the Theosophical Society (then a secret society).

The Theosophical Society, which is today represented in scores of countries, npenly promotes its teachings of "a new world order and a universal world religion based on tolerance and brotherhood," But in spite of its genteel approach, from its beginning theosophy made no Ariel.

monotheistic faiths, and particularly toward the Jewish people. The founder of theosophy, Helena P. Blavatsky, systematized the doctrine of the "pure Aryan" race, and the "blood taint" which resided in the Jewish race. If this sounds eerily familiar,

effort to hide its hostility toward the

should it surprise anyone to learn that theosophy gained another prominent devotee some 50 years after Edison -Adolf Hitler, who spread theosophy throughout Germany in the 1930s? HANNAH WEISS

EXCELLENT EDITORIAL

Sir, - Your editorial of February 14, "Corruption and conversion," calling for responsible compromise by all three streams of Judaism, is excellent. Reading it, I Jerusalem.

recalled the wise saying: "Where

there is a rabbinical will, there is a halachic way." HARRIS D. GULKO 'Yes, yes, Mr. Mazor – but where's the fire?'



Failure to see the whole picture

sraelis had barely come out nf national mourning fullowing the hitter deaths of 73 soldiers when the lvry Cnmmission's interim report on the belicopter tragedy gave us something else to chew our fingernails over - the factors that led to the crash, and which, if any, army personnel might be held responsible.

Sometime we don't seem to be focusing our attention in the right

Certainly, whatever it was that made the twn IDF helicopters collide was the immediate cause of the accident; but it wasn't the whnle, fundamental cause.

Human error on the part of one of the pilots? This is what the commission will likely conclude, but again, it doesn't go to the source of the problem. Nn commission of inquiry is

error that led to the crash, a failure rooted in a faulty concept. The IDF bas ceded control of the ground in southern Lebanon. leaving its nutposts there under Hizbullah siege. In this situation. the IDF has been left with nn

chnice but to use helicopters to get

gning to investigate the conceptu-

al failure that caused the specific

its soldiers to and from the field. If the government wants tn know what's really going on in Lebanon, it should appoint a cnm-

sion. Then it might get answers to questions like: How has a quantitatively and qualitatively great-army like the IDF allowed a few hundred guerrilla fighters to harass it and maneuver it into a

position of inferiority? And: How is it that, despite the IDF's possessing the most advanced military equipment in

the world, Hizbullah - lacking air-

FOR those prepared to see it, the issue thrown sharply into focus by the horror in the air is something quite other than the condition of those ill-fated helicopters, their

current sorry state.

side by side with the purely "tech-

nical" one, and given it a mandate to investigate the whole range of

factors that have brought us to our

Quite another sort of inquiry should have

been launched after the helicopter crash

craft, armored forces or any sophisticated materiel to compare with ours - has managed to retain the initiative, setting ambushes, killing and wounding our soldiers, and making their lives a general

And: Why have we given up on the affensive, which is the only thing that could put Hizhullah back nn the defensive and get it off our backs?

Had the government wanted answers to these questions and many others, and wanted them to be courageous and honest, it pilots, or the nperation of the aerial control systems. : A commission set up to achieve

real results would have been asked to decide whether, under the operational restrictions the army has imposed on itself or has had imposed on it, the "security zone concept" is still propping up national security, or whether our loss of deterrent ability in Lebanon means that our staying there is actually working against our interests.

A commission with the right mandate would recommend the

restore our deterrent ability, and it wouldn't be only Hizbullah whn

Once we took back the initiative, it would be the enemy that found itself under siege. This would have its consequent deterrent effect on countries (Iran and Syria) far larger and more power-ful than the little band that has shown up the IDF - and with it the whole state - as deficient in either

ability or purpose. As far as one can judge following the period of national mourning, the helicopter crash has not done irrevocable harm to our spirit or determination. In fact, reactions from both soldiers and IDF officers point to the contrary.

This, surely, ought to facilitate an inquiry into the broader reason why IDF helicopters were and are compelled to take off with their soft and so-vulnerable underbellies full of the most precious cargn the country possesses.

Sn far, no commission has been appointed to inquire into how Hizbullah has put us intn a state of siege we need air transport to bypass. Alas, I fear none

The writer is former chairman of the Council of Jewish Residents s- commission of inquiry in work control of the territory. This would president of the board of Nekuda.

This new pragmatism is welcome

ver since Oslo 2 was signed ln autumn 1995, 1sraelis have been subjected to a multitude of proposals regarding the final territorial disposition between Israel and the Palestinian

Authority. Politicians, academics, and interested political groups have treated us to a display of cartographic ingenuity, drawing lines in a mulritude of shapes and positions, dissecting the West Bank intn varinus Jewish and Arab territorial entities.

The name of the game in all these proposals has been pretty much the same. Each has tried to include the largest possible number of Israeli settlements on as small a piece of territory as possihle - a logic that isn't hard to. understand.

Within Israel, a growing proportion of the public - from the left and right wing - has slowly come to realize that Israel will not be able, even if it wants, to evacuate 140,000 settlers without giving rise to substantial civil unrest and internal vinlence. This has also been intrinsically recognized in the cross-party agreement reached between Yossi Beilin and Michael Eitan.

Recent press advertisements supporting this proposal have categnrically stated the desire tn leave all settlements in situ. Such a position is acceptable to the Likud MKs because of their ideological stance in favnr nf settlements; at the same time it constitutes a major compromise on the part of the Labor MKs.

But even the latter recognize the difficulty involved in any attempts to remove or evacuate these settleDAVID NEWMAN

While this explains the growing political consensus around retaining the maximum number of settlements, there is, equally, a growing awareness on the part of Israeli policy makers that this should include as small a part of the West Bank land area as possi-

For the Palestinians, any attempt

amount of territory available to a Palestinian entity/state, the proposal suggests compensating the PA with an equal area in less senby Israeli settlements.

sitive regions, ones not populated The idea of territorial reciprocity - namely that the Palestinians

be compensated for any territorial attrition within the West Bank - is

Enter territorial reciprocity, a novel idea in the engoing political discourse

to retain settlements as part of totally new to the ongoing politi-Israel means less territory on which to establish their state.

Hard as it may be for many Israelis to appreciate, the Palestinians' demand for a state encompassing the whole of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is, for them, a major concession. By making such a demand they

they no longer see the whole of pre-state Palestine as their future political homeland. The West Bank and Gaza Strip make up approximately 23 percent of the whnle of Palestine west of the River Jordan. Any further

are publicly acknowledging that

attrition within that limited territory will be strongly contested by the Palestinian negntiators in the next round. AMONG all the proposals drawn

up during the past year, the Beilin-Abu Mazen document for the first time suggests a solution to this

Rather than simply reducing the

cal discourse. Like many other such concepts, not least the notion of a Palestinian state, it will meet much opposition to begin with: but it will gradually become part. of the accepted give-and-take between the two sides.

The Beilin-Abu Mazen document is particularly innovative in proposing the expansion of the Gaza land area, rather than the West Bank itself, as part of this territorial reciprocity. This solves twn major problems - one Israeli, one Palestinian.

From the Israeli perspective, any change of the "Green Line" boundary could only come at the expense of the West Bank, not within Israel itself. It is difficult, if not impossible,

to delineate any area along the course of the Green Line which could be redrawn in favnr of the PA. This would be much easier to accomplish in and around the Gaza Strip, where there is more land available for this form of car- Research at Ben-Gurion University.

tographic innovation.

From the Palestinian perspective, the Gaza Strip is one of the most densely-populated micro-regions anywhere on the earth's surface. International groups bave prepared a number of documents pointing to the need to expand the Gaza land base if it is to absorb the existing population economically. There has even been talk about expanding the Gaza area to include small pieces of adjoining territory both within Israel and Egypt.

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WHAT is clear is that a new prag-matism is emerging. Each side recognizes that the "nther" has constraints which will prevent it implementing policies that meet severe opposition at bome.

An Israeli decision to evacuate too many settlements, or Palestinian acquiescence in accepting territory amounting to less than the West Bank and Gaza Strip, are equally problematic for an Israeli or Palestinian government respectively.

New ideas and concepts are necessary if a final territorial agreement is to be achieved. There is nothing holy about the artificiallydrawn boundaries of 1948 making them any more, or less, valid than any other agreed line of separation between an Israeli and Palestinian entity.

It remains for both sides to exercise their respective cartographic imaginations and draw up a final line of demarcation between them.

The writer is professor of political geography and director of the Humphrey Institute for Social

POSTSCRIPTS

TERRY LEWIS loves his mummy, but wants to sell her just the same. The US Customs Service said Lewis, owner of Nonesuch House of Antiques, in Wiscasset, Maine, is free to sell the 3,000-year-old mummy, though the Egyptian gov-

emment could still claim it. "I'd really like to get around \$35,000 so I'm not going to sell her right away," Lewis said. "I'm still very fond of her. After all, she has done a lot for my husiness."

a glass case at the front of the antique shop since 1992, when a friend of Lewis's bought the mummy at auction. Customs officials had ordered Lewis not to sell the mummy until the Egyptian government had a chance to see if it had any cultural value, but the order expired without word from the Egyptians.

The remains have been on display in

THE CAUSE of fire at Matthew Gould's home is listed as "dog playing with matches."

Gould, 22, told Kelso, Washington, firefighters that his German shepherd had gnawed into a cardboard box containing matches. "This is a first," said fire Capt.

Mark Maker. "The cause of the fire officially is a dog playing with matches. Somehow she chewed just right and didn't slobber enough." Gould was relieved when firefighters believed his story. "I was afraid those guys thought I was playing with matches or some-

The dog may have chewed her way right out of a home. "We've been talking about get-

ting rid of her for a while now," Gould said, "and this kind of put it over the top."

MOMENTS BEFORE Iraqi sol- ARCHIOLOGISTS working with diers captured Guy Hunter during the Gulf war, the US Marine buried bis wallet in the Kuwaiti desert so his family would not be targeted by terrorists.

Six years later, the mud-soaked billfold appeared in Hunter's mailbox with all its contents - credit cards, his military ID, family photos and \$47 in cash. A laborer had found it and sent it to the Marines, who forwarded it to Hunter, now 52 and retired.

"it was so strange," said the former prisoner of war from Jacksonville, North Carolina, "It seemed like a voice from the past suddenly spoke to me."

captured within five minutes.

There was nowhere to run."

Hunter buried the wallet because "I was afraid they might use it for terrorist purposes against my famlly back in the States. We were

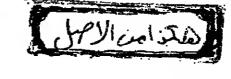
a huge urban highway project in Boston are on the lookout for wooden chests pitched into the harbor during the Boston Tea Party.

Finding anything in the excavation for the city's Central Artery Project is a long shot, said Robert Hasenstab. one of the project's archeologists.

But it's the best chance yet to find a physical link to the Tea Party, when rebels costumed as Mohawk Indians boarded docked cargo ships and dnmped 342 chests of tea into the harbor on December 16, 1773, to protest British taxes.

"I'm going to keep a serious eye out," Hasenstab said. "It would be Rreat."

The excavation is expected to reach the area of old Griffin's Wharf, recorded as the site of the demonstration, which lies under tons of landfill.



Over and above building at Har Homa

The message emitted by the buildup of tension surrounding the Har Homa issue is that the threat of Palestinian violence will be with us for the duration of final-stage talks with the Palestinian Authority.

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In fact, there is a good chance of it remaining with us even longer, given the likelihood that those talks will result in very inconclusive arrangements indeed.

Of equal, perhaps greater. importance than the construction at Har Homa itself is Israel's urgent need to demonstrate that it can confront - and deal - with this Palestmian tactic of resort to violence whenever we don't give in to Palestinian demands.

Threatening violence parallel to continuing peace talks is a weapon characteristically employed by the weaker side in negotiations. That, however, is no reason for Israel to apologize for being the party that holds the stronger cards, nor any

reason to refuse to play them.

One argument addiced against going ahead with the construction at Har Homa is that it will invine a reprise of the Palestinian riots that erupted following the opening of the exit to the Hasmonean tunnel in the Old City last September, riots in which 15 Israeli soldiers and over 60 Palestinians were

The mistake we made back then wasn't the opening of the tunnel -Israel had tried to coordinate that move with the Wakf and the Palestinian Authority as a quid pro quo for acquiescing in their open-ing of the new Moslem underground prayer halls next to the Al-Aksa mosque.

The mistake was allowing ourselves to be surprised by the well-orchestrated Palestinian violence, unleashed at Yasser Arafat's

Our response this time must include not only better preparation

tion of violence, but effective measures to prevent violence erupting in the first place.

One of the clearest and best ways to do that would be, for example, informing Arafat and every PA policeman and secret police operative that Israel had given trained sharpshooter units shoot-to-kill orders as regards all armed PA police the moment

> **Israel** must confront the Palestinians' tactic of **Violence**

> > to order

Palestinian violence broke out. We can rest assured that Palestinian interest in continuing the final-stage talks is so great that not even this would endanger continuation of the process.

ALTHOUGH there is no wall-towall consensus in Israel on anything, one of the major reasons for making Har Homa a test case is that there is such a broad measure

of internal agreement on it. During the Six Day War, when Jerusalem was still divided, the Jewish half of the city was shelled by Jordanian artillery from the surrounding mountaintops. In the decade following, it was decided to annex the mountaintops to the newly-united Israeli Jerusalem and build a ring of neighborhoods

These became Gilo, East Talpiot, the renewed Hehrew University and Hadassah Hospital complexes on Mr. Scopus, French Hill, Givat Hamivtar, Ramat in the event of a repeat provoca- Eshkol and Ramot. More recently

the haredi neighborhood of Shuafat Ridge was added to close the ring in the north.

Those hilltop neighborhoods, where today over a third of the lewish population of Jerusalem lives, were an expression of the strategic concepts espoused by the Golda Meir and Rabin Labor governments of the 1970s.

The fact that the ring was not closed at Har Homa in the south only reflects the fecklessness of the Likud governments of 1977-92, and of the retreat of the Labor Party under Shimon Peres from its

earlier strategic concepts.

When Yitzhak Rabin replaced Shimon Peres as Labor leader in 1992, he pushed the Har Homa

project vigorously.

All of this is not to deny the very real existence of over 160,000 Palestinians in Jerusalem, a demographic reality that will require painful compromises in the finalstage talks.

The building of Har Homa is essential to ensure that the compromises eventually worked out do not include too great a contiguity between the Palestinian neighborhoods within Jerusalem and the PA areas beyond the outer ring.

But the same reasoning that jus-tifies building Har Homa, closing the ring to the south, provides strong reasons to oppose the hasty plans to huild in the Ras al-Amud

Such a penetration into the heart of the Palestinian neighborhoods to the east of the walled Old City would be nothing more than an unnecessary provocation.

Complex trade-offs will lie at the heart of the final-stage talks on Jerusalem. It is essential that the threat of having to conduct those talks under the shadow of renewed Palestinian violence be neutral-

Way of pleasantness, path to peace

for haredim would benefit all

the downside of the ingathe ing of the exiles is that we've learned how mean we can be to each other when we don't have the goyim around to keep us'in line. And it's not a pret-

OPINION

This week we had MK Moshe Shabal taking to the airwaves to name his arch-rival Ya'acov Terner as the senior police officer reported to have sexually harassed a teenager. The story was denied by the girl in question this week, which is probably why it was never originally printed. But the facts didn't stop Shahal

from doing his "civic duty" and dragging Terner and his family

through the mud. It's that kind of enmity that enabled bate-filled charges of haredi draft-dodging to surface in the wake of the recent helicopter

crash. Even as the country, overcome by grief, was feeling united for the first time in many years, there were those who couldn't resist the temptation to bash the haredim ("The 73 fallen soldiers do not represent a cross-section of the

country... there are those who don't serve.") While their timing was reprenensible, the issue itself is valid. Unresolved, it threatens to undermine any prospect of genuine respect or understanding between

religious and secular. A report released by the Defense Ministry this week says that 60 percent of haredim who receive a "deferral" in order to study Torah end up never doing any service at

Why, indeed, should they be exempt from any form of national

Interestingly, a survey done at the end of last year showed that the secular public isn't as upset about haredi evasion of military duty as it need to be. Perhaps the peace process, the

general decline in status of the army, and growing public acceptance of secular youths who opt out of combat duty had dampened criticism of the haredim on this SCORE.

But, as we saw this month, the issue is always there, waiting to be

uing religious-secular battle. One of the most difficult things for the secular public to swallow is the idea that there are "layabout" haredi yomhs hitching a ride on the backs of the genuine, heavyduty scholars.

It's one thing to allow people who are studying Torah seriously to be exempted from military service, they say, quite another to let the guys with the cellular phones,

I'm wrapping up a period of three months' study in a haredi

found that the vast majority of stu-

dents there are extremely serious.

l see young people studying from 9 a.m. till 7:30 p.m., with a half-

hour hreak for lunch, and then

returning at 8:30 p.m. for several

or the promise of high-paying

careers; they've chosen a very

demanding path because they feel

this is their duty, and this is how

In an age when people can't read

more than 200 words at a time -

and that only if accompanied by

impressive graphics - it is refresh-

ing to see people grappling with complex issues with such intensi-

Yeshiva students will struggle to

understand a few lines of Talmud

even if it means knocking their

heads against a wall for weeks.

And they have the discipline to

review the material again and

again, which enables them to

apply the logic and legal princi-

ples they have learned to other sit-

in a program of national service.

they can best serve the country.

They aren't preparing for tests

more hours' study.

allow certain religious concerns to be addressed.

ONE option would be to have these youngsters enroll in haredirun programs that cater to the general public.

Three examples come to mind: Zichron Menachem, which supplies a wide range of services to children with cancer and their--families; Shalva, which provides rented cars and cigarettes off the afternoon, weekend, and home by giving them archance to do care for severely handicapped children; and Rahhi Firer's medical placement program, which

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These programs have all received

the prestigious President's Award

for Volunteerism. They provide

services to all Israelis, religious and

secular. And, being run hy haredim,

they should be acceptable to haredi

involved in such programs - they

just aren't getting recognition or

be formalized, with the coopera-

tion of the military and the rabhis;

and the work should be recog-

nized as national service - no less

valuable than the soldiers who

serve at Army Radio or in the

the problem in its entirety. Just as

there are those who put down hes-

der students, who combine army

and yeshiva study, because their

army service is shorter than their

secular counterparts' (even though

their total commitment is five

Such a program wouldn't solve

Many haredim are already

Haredi national service should

Currently, many hang because their only alternative is the army - an unacceptable Some Torah students do support the state with their learning - but national service

option because of its perceived ultra-secular climate. At first, many haredim would buck such an innovation. But in addition to the other benefits, yeshiva students themselves would gain from such service. A serious workout with a handicapped child does wonders for

years compared to three for those

who do straight army), some will

dismiss this program as a cop-out.

There will always be the Moshe

Shahals out there with blind hatred

for one group or individual, or another. But this kind of national

service could go a long way

toward changing the public image

of haredim. And it would reduce

the increasing number of haredim

who defer or evade national duty

It would also help haredi stu-tients who aren't natural schotars

national service instead of having

to sit in a yeshiva where they

aren't learning productively.

altogether.

one's soul, and character. Finally, though, even a solution along these lines must give yeshiva heads the option of "protecting" some of their most promising

There really are those who support the world - including the state with their Torah learning, and for those select few the place from where they can best serve the

nation is the study hall. To be sure, very basic and serious differences in world view

divide religious from secular. But if we are prepared to give up vital water resources and strategic territory for the sake of peace with the Palestinians, we can surely at least try for better understanding and respect within our society, for

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peace among ourselves.

Geula Amir's golden opportunity

Just over a year ago I sat in Leah, Rabin's, living room-interviewing her for Vogue. magazine following the assassination of her husband.

I asked her bow she felt when legitimacy it does not deserve.
Yigal Amir's mother made a teleIt's quite mind-boggling. But Yigal Amir's mother made a televised plea to the Rabin family asking for forgiveness.

'I didn't watch it," retorted Rahin. I'm not interested in [Yigal Amir] or his family... the way the media gives his family so much attention is appalling. It shouldn't be allowed. We are doing everything to fight it."

Well, you can put your boxing gloves back on, Leah, because Geula Amir has just gone prime time, American-style.

Gone are the tears, the apologies, the soul-searching. Long forgotten is her "Today, [Yigal] is not mine" speech.

Fifteen months after the assassination, the nursery school teacher and religious mother of eight has undergone a metamorphosis. She's on the attack

This mother of two imprisoned sons - one doing time for murdering the nation's prime minister, the other for supplying the bullets that killed him - is searching for the "truth" about the Rabin assassination. And she's taking her cause on the road.

A bizarre relationship has been forged with none other than George, the sexy pop-political magazine founded by John F. Kennedy Jr., son of who this week released a 10,000-word essay by Amir. (For the record, the hefty piece was "produced with the assistance of her lawyers.")

Not only has "John John" indulged Geula with this 13-page opus entitled "A Mother's Defense," his magazine is also sponsoring a two-week Geula Amir speaking tour.

Of course, Geula claims there is no money involved. (There never is.) She just wants to tell her side of the story.

I try to picture the scene. Geula descends from the plane at JFK. Airport. Standing tall and dashing at the end of the runway is John Jr., waving a white placard reading

She smooths the wrinkles from her dress, then flashes the famous Amir smile. They hop into his stretch lime and take off for a media whirlwind tour, assuring



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there is something even more incredible, and that is JKF Jr. him-

I wonder how be would have felt a year after his father's assassination, hearing that Lee Harvey Oswald's mother had been granted a prestigious soapbox from which to explain to the world how her son, the scapegoat, "had been molded into the perfect assassin."

IN HER personally researched investigative report. Amir calight-

Surely there's a fine line between what sells and what smelis?

ens the discriminating reader on the Oslo accords and how they divided the nation, on the General Security Service scandals, and on fall guy Carmi Gillon.

She expends vast energy on that "dybbuk" Avishai Raviv and the conspiracy theory, and is not reticent regarding the hardly democratic policies of the State of Israel. A few highlights:

"[The Israeli authorities] are doing everything so that the public will hate him... They're rying to break Yigal by breaking us. But they won't succeed. We won't

"I know my son did not kill Rabin alone. Things are beginming to come out. The day will come when people will come up to me on the street and say, "You

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mother."
I'd like to ask John Jr.: Isn't record sales for George, and grant-there a fine line betting Amir and her family's plight a sells and what smells? there a fine line between what

I'd like to ask him why he has welcomed with such wide-open arms an elaborate and "startling" account hy such respected, evenhanded authorities on the subject as Geula Amir and her legal entourage, when Gearge magazine has barely mentioned the Rahm assassination until now.

I will never forget what we underwent as a nation when Yitzhak Rabin died. Our grief lay on us like a heavy burden.

Genla may be able to pull the wool over American readers' eyes with her tales of Yigal ("He will redeem" etc.), but we Israelis know the difference between wool

Aside from Yigal's fan club, most Israelis must believe Geula has gone way too far - and I don't mean the 10,000 kilometers between here and the US.

As for John Kennedy Jr., he should be the last one to egg her on, to ignite her 15 minutes of flame and prime the printing presses for an eventual lucrative

Ironically, our only hope from the sidelines lies in officialdom: The US Embassy has not at this juncture granted Amir a visa to enter the land of golden opportuni-

She was supposed to have been there Sunday. JFK Jr. may end up boosting his magazine sales - hut just maybe Genla won't make it to her own party after all.

The writer is a freelancer living

If she does, I can assure her there will be no goody bags waitmg for her at home.

in Jerusalem

For its part, the army would have to be flexible enough to used as ammunition in the contin-LONDON THEATRE TOUR Don't miss our original Annual Tour including 5 super shows and tours! Last 2 rooms! = £895 p.p. in double room + taxes SPAIN & GIBRALTER June 19 - July 2, 1997 16 day bosher delime tour. See the splendour and culture with extensive touring, incl. Barceloua, Gerona, Madrid. \$3220 per person desire of Specific Audit of Specific Conductions of

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Albright, visiting London, told reporters:
"It would obviously be a great advantage to

the Chinese as well as to all of us if there

were a smooth transition (in Beljing)."

Asian financial markets reacted positively

with stocks in China, Hong Koog and

Taiwan closing mostly higher as Deng's

death was seen as removing recent uncer-

But the impact on European markets was

France heaped praise on Deng but drew a veil over his formative years spent laboring

in grimy French factories, where the man

who became China's leader learned to hate

Deng left China in 1920 as part of a

work-study program, arriving in the south-ern port of Marseille at the age of 16 and

spent the next five years in France, working, while studying, in factories where he

saw the seamy underside of capitalism.French President Jacques Chirac

praised the dead Chinese leader as the main

architect of China's modernization and

recalled that France had "greeted Deng Xiaoping on its soil in the early 1920s."

The office of British Prime Minister John

Major said Deng's "initiative played the

crucial part in creating today's economical-

taintles for investors

capitalist exploitation.

muted.

China mourns Deng

Germany described Deng as an important

"Deng Xiaoping counts as one of the

great leadership personalines of China's recent history," Chancellor Helmat Kohl

Diplomats at NATO, which has no formal

dealings with China, took the death calmly.

There was no official comment from the

China opposes NATO's plans to expand

eastwards, but far less stridently than

Moscow. Diplomats said they expected no

Asian leaders mourned Deng's death and

said his reforms transforming China into an

economic powerhouse had earned him a

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro

Hashimoto said he was filled with great sadness at Deng's death and hoped his

passing would not affect crucial Japanese-

statesman who had decisively influenced

China's development over 20 years.

said in a statement.

policy change.

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was discovered during a routine checkup Feb. 3. ized probe to give the team a three-dimensional Her four children — Michael Wilding, view of the growth. Christopher Wilding, Liza Todd-Tivey and "He's going to be using a computer-generated Maria Burton-Carson — as well as several of

Georgian diplomat involved in a Vashington car crash that killed a 16-year-old girl surrendered to

benign brain tumor yesterday.

"Surgery is under way and things are going as planned," Cedars-Sinai Medical Center spokesman Ron Wise said. The actress was

wheeled into the operating room about an hour earlier for the anticipated four to five hours of

surgery.

Miss Taylor, who turns 65 next week, was in

Maria Pignataro.

good spirits, said her publicist, Maria Pignataro.

She was expected to recover fully. The tumor

Georgia had waived diplomatic

Makharadze, 35, was taken in handcuffs by city traffic police crash that killed Jovian Waltrick, a Brazilian girl who had recently moved to a Washington suburb in Maryland.

was waived, Georgian officials may ask that, if convicted, Makharadze be imprisoned in

The maximum penalty for involuntary manslaughter is 30

'Cosby's daughter' pleads not guilty

NEW YORK (AP) - The woman who claims she is the illegitimate daughter of comedian and movie star Bill Cosby pleaded innocent yesterday to conspiracy and extortion charges.

Autumn Jackson, 22, and her alleged accomplice, Jose Medina, 51, entered their innocent pleas during arraignment in Manhattan federal court.

"I'd like to send my condolences to the Cosby family about Ennis' death," she added, referring to the 27-year-old son of the comedian who was shot to death Jan. 16 as he changed a flat tire in

Los Angeles.

Cosby, one of the most famous entertainers in America, by threatening to go public with her claim that she is his illegitimate daugh-

They will produce a three-dimensional image

of the tumor. A probe will enable the surgeon to

Miss Taylor won Academy Awards for Butterfield 8 in 1960 and Who's Afraid of

Virginia Woolf? in 1966.

The location of the tumor was initially

described by Pignataro as being in the area of

However, Wise said it is farther back in the

The operation was earlier described as com-

mon by Dr. Gregory J. Rubino, an expert who

said post-surgery bospitalization usually ranges

precisely locate the tumor."

the left frontal lobe.

parietal lobe area.

Cosby denied that Ms. Jackson was his daughter but later said in a television interview that "there is a possibility" he is the father because he had an affair with her

Ms. Jackson was freed on bail. following her Jan, 18 arrest. She and Medina had come to

New York and signed a \$24 million agreement to stop her from telling her story to the tabloids, prosecutors said. Medina remains

The alleged extortion attempt came two days after Cosby's son

Since Ms. Jackson and Medina were first charged, Ms. Jackson's boyfriend, Antonay Williams, has pleaded guilty to helping in the alleged plot by doing research on Cosby and his corporate sponsors and by taking the pair to the airport for their flight to New York.

Cosby has said he made payments to Ms. Jackson for educational purposes, as he had for other needy young people.

Sino relations, which he said were of growing importance for peace and stability of the world.

"I will continue to work with China's leaders for the long-term stability of our bilateral relationship," Hashimoto said in a

statement. South Korean President Kim Young-sam said he was saddened but hoped Seoul's

friendly ties with Beijing would strengthen.
Communist North Korea's de facto leader Kim Jong-il praised Deng as an "intimate friend and comrade-in-arms" of the Korean people and said his death was a great loss to

Officials in the British colony of Hong Kong, which reverts to Chinese rule at mid-

light on June 30, paid their respects. Colonial Governor Chris Patten was one of the first to be escorted inside the Xinhua

place among the world's great statesmen.

From Pakistan to New Zealand, prime ministers and presidents heaped tribute upon Deng, saying he would long be remembered for dismantling the socialist chains that tied China's vast population for news agency. Beijing's de facto mission in Hong Kong, to offer his condolences. "He will be regarded by funire genera-tions as an historic figure," said Patten, the

territory's last governor. But reaction was not all praise. Tibet's government-in-exile accused Deng of decades of repression and said his death offered a chance to his successor to solve the region's long-standing problems.

Japan on alert after **Red Army** arrests

BEIRUT (Reuter) - Lebanon has tightened security around the Japanese embassy in east Beirut after Lebanese authorities arrested a number of Japanese Red Army suspects five days ago.

Two plainclothes state security men stood at the embassy's entrance yesterday and two more inside the compound while two others drove around the fourstorey building in Baabda suburb in hills overlooking Beirut.

A Lebanese police patrol also circled the compound, 200 metres from Lebanon's presidential palace, five km east of Beirut, they added.

Last Sammay, security forces arrested five Japanese Red Army ... suspects, three Japanese sympa-thizers and three Lebanese citizens in Beirut and the eastern Bekaa

Authoritative sources in Tokyo said Japanese embassies around the world were ordered to tighten security after the arrests.

The sources also said that Japan and Lebanon were discussing the eportation to Tokyo of the sus pected terrorists named in the media as Kazuo Tohira, 44, Hisashi Matsuda, 48, Mariko Yamamoto, 56, Masao Adachi, 57 and Kozo Okamoto, 49.

Lebanon justice ministry sources said Japan's ambassador Yasujji Ishikagi expressed yesterday his country's readiness to cooperate with the Lebanese judicial authorities in identifying the

The ambassador told Justice Minister Bahij Tabbara in Beirut that Tokyo would want to negoti-ate possible ways to extradite the suspects if it was proved that they were involved in terrorist acts, the sources added. The Red Army, founded in 1971

and responsible for the Lod airport massacre, remains allied to hard-

Copts slain after Israel visit

ASSIUT, Egypt (Reuter) -Police in southern Egypt may have found a motive for the massacre of 10 Christian youths by suspected Islamists after investigations showed that many of them had visited Israel, security sources said

Six gunmen shocked Egypt last week when they stormed a church in Abu Qurqas town and sprayed bullets into a youth meeting. Police believe they belong to the militant al-Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group).

The father of Adel Mikhail Abdel Malak, one of the youths killed in the attack, told reporters yesterday his son had worked in Israel for five months as had some of the others shot dead inside the church.

Southern police officials confirmed that some of the youths had spent several months in Israel and said this fact had added "another dimension" to the incident.

Militants have often targeted policemen and sometimes Christians in their attempt to transform Egypt into a strict Islamic state but security sources said that this was the first time that gunmen attacked the interior



Nice place you've got here!

BEIJING — Ten thousand people will be invited to the funeral of Deng Xiaoping next Tuesday in China's Great Hall of the

People, and his eyes will be donated for

Deng's family, in keeping with his wisb-es, requested that there be no solemn bow-

ing before his corpse. His ashes will be scattered rather than saved, and foreign

leaders will not attend his funeral, the high-

level Communist Party committee oversee-

Deng, one of the last leaders of the

Communist revolution, died late Wednesday night of a lung infection and in the advanced stages of Parkinson's disease.

He was 92. Increasingly frail, he was last

World leaders yesterday paid tribute to patriarch Deng as the architect of modern China and praised him for freeing the

socialist shackles that hobbled the country's vast population.
President Bill Clinton expressed bis sad-

ness and called Deng an "extraordinary fig-

ure on the world stage over the past two

US Secretary of State Madeleine

ing the arrangements said yesterday.

seen in public three years ago.

transplant and his organs for research.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (left) admires the residence of Alexiy II (right), the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, in Moscow yesterday on her two-day visit to the Russian capital.

Liz Taylor brain operation begins

lite trucks was lined up outside the hospital, their crews buddled inside to avoid strong winds

A neurosurgeon who successfully treated

comedian George Burns was leading the team of

doctors in removing the growth in the lining of

the left parietal lobe. The area is over and behind

Dr. Martin Cooper, clinical chief of neuro-surgery at Cedars-Sinai, was using a computer-

neurological navigation system and micronavi-Diplomat surrenders

police yesterday to face involuntary manslaughter charges.

immunity privileges for the diplo-mat. Georgy Makharadze. The case raised new outcries against diplomats who accumulate traffic citations or violate other laws with immunity in the United States.

and charged with one count of

His wife, Ruth and family

WASHINGTON (AP) — A involuntary manslaughter five manslaughter charge carries a maximum 30 year sentence upon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Surgeons began her older grandchildren were waiting at the hosperating on Elizabeth Taylor to remove a pital. A fleet of television microwave and satel-

hitting the area.

He was charged in the Jan. 3

Makharadze appeared with three attorneys at the police station shortly before 10 a.m. The attorneys left, without their client, several minutes later.

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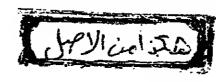
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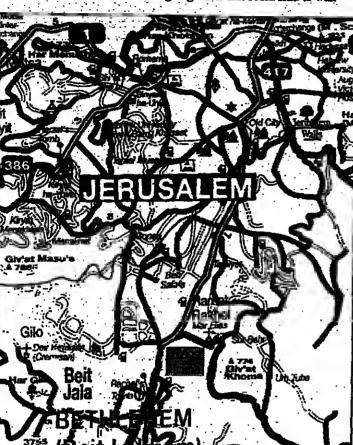
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The second secon

The debate over construction in Har Homa hits at the heart of the issue of Jerusalem's sovereignty, Herb Keinon reports

will be built. Those advocating gration that could lead to war.

to hear the opposing sides of construction argue that not building Har Homa would signify the one could think that the very redividing of Jerusalem. Those future of Jerusalem rests on opposing the neighborhood say whether or not this neighborhood that building will ignite a confia-



Homa, that is a declaration of war ainst the Palestinians," Faisal Jusseini was quoted as saying. "If Netanyahu decides on the establishment of the neighborhood, it will prove that he does not want peace and is not willing to honor agreements - something that will lead to the collapse of the

peace process." That's the other way. What is at stake, at least on a superficial level, are some 6,300 ousing units to be spread over 1,850 dunams of scenic real estate at the southeastern reaches of the

"Not building in Jerusalem, not

closing PLO offices in Jerusalem.

between Ma'aleh Adumim and

Jerusalem is, de facto, dividing Jerusalem," Likud-Gesher MK

Michael Kleiner, unofficial head of the Land of Israel Front, said That's one way to look at it. If Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu decides to build Har

capital. What is at stake, at a deeper level, is perhaps sovereignty over the city, and the establishment of all important territorial contiguity. Har Homa sits, at least in part, on a wooded hill at the very south-

the east as one approaches the IDP

roadblock to Bethlehem. It forms

part of that pastoral, rolling-hill, biblical-looking landscape so often depicted in those turn-ofthe-century drawings of the Holy em edge of the city. It is visible to

In 1991, then finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i signed an order

Homa for the "public need." What differentiated this expropriation from other massive land expropriations to build new neighborhoods in Jerusalem in the late 1960s and

was taken from Jewish landowners. The other 450 dunams were expropriated from Palestinians in neighboring Umm Tuba and Beit

The project has passed all the various planning hurdles, and even an appeal to the High Court of Justice, and is now just waiting for Netanyahu's nod.

Some 2,500 units are to be con-Continued on Page 18



A Palestinian landowner (left, holding map) argues with MKs (from right to left) Shaul Yahalom, Haim Dayan and Shmaryahu Ben

On the drawing board

Force 17 tests Netanyahu

ne of the criticisms of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu heard most often on the right is that he cannot stand up to pressure — not pressure from David Levy, not pressure from Bill Clinton, not pressure from Yasser Arafat.

Can be withstand pressure from Michael Kleiner?

The high last mark of an ad hot prelimentary lobby called

The birth last week of an ad-hoc parliamentary lobby called

Force 17, is an attempt to put the prime minister to the test.

"The message we are sending Netanyahu," said Likud-Gesher MK Kleiner, the unofficial head of this group, "is that if he builds in Jerusalem, we will be his security net. But if he doesn't build, we will not see any reason to support him." Kleiner prefers to call the group the Land of Israel Front, rather than Force 17, with its professionate wayse association to the elits DLO must that amounts.

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Just as Yisrael Ba'aliya sees its role as looking after the interests of the new immigrants, and Shas sees itself as looking after the interests of the Sephardim, so the Land of Israel Front sees as its role looking after the interests of the Land of Israel, Kleiner

said. "Our job is to preserve what we can [of Eretz Yisrael], and

said. Our job is no preserve what we can jor Erez Tisraei), and place political pressure on Netanyahu."

The name of the group, Force 17, refers to the 17 Knesset members who voted against the Hebron redeployment. Kleiner said that the number of MKs who agree with the group's position on large large.

When Rabin went to Clinton, he could always say that there

were things he just could not do because of opposition from the Likud. Up until now there was no similar opposition to Netanyahu," Kleiner said.

It was no coincidence that 13 MKs of Force 17 went on their

tour of Har Homa and other points of contention this week guided by the leaders of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea,

Samaria and Gaza. The council, which for months has been

debating how best to pressure the prime minister to "return to himself," has been active behind the scenes trying to bring together the various MKs to form a real political threat to Netanyahu.

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And, insists Kleiner, the group is not bluffing in its threats to vote against the government. "If we are not willing to go all the way, we won't get anything," he said.

Kleiner dismissed the notion of a national unity government as an "empty gm," saying that if such a government is created, the librar will — in an example to undersome its differences with

Likud will - in an attempt to underscore its differences with Labor - once again become the Likud and move Netanyahu

The government is supposed to act according to its plank, and in line with its ideology." Kleiner said. "If it doesn't, it has no reason to exist. I have never supported a Meretz-led government, and will not be a part of a coalition that adopts Meretz's policies.

Jerusalem is nearly twice that number.

n addition to fighting for the building of Har Homa, the placed two other issues at the top of its agenda: the building of a project to link Jerusalem to Ma'ale Adumim in the northeast, and a series of roads linking the capital with the coastal plain.

The Ma'aleh Aduming Jerusalem project is, according to National Religious Party MK state. Hanan Porat, "more important" The than Har Homa."

area between the two cities called 1,400 housing units and seven Adumin.

rial link between the capital and the largest settlement in the territories, but will - perhaps even more importantly - prevent a terri-torial link between Bethlehem and

Ramallah: A territorial link is necessary for the establishment of a Palestinian state, Porat said. Anything preventing this will make it more dif-ficult to create a Palestinian state.

The Ma'alch Adumim municipality and the planning body in the Civil Administration have approved the master plan for this project, and it now must be neighborhoods.

Yasser Arafat.

Yitzhak Mordechai. According to Land of Israel Front has also: the Land of Israel Front, Mordechai has not done anything about the project for seven months.

Ma'alch Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel said that the failure to move on the project signals to him that the government wants to keep open the option of a Palestinian

The other project the Front is concentrating on is the construc-This project, proposed for an tion of road number 45, which will run from the Ben Shemen area to E-1, calls for the building of some Pisgat Ze'ev, and then to Mishor

hotels with 3,000 hotel rooms.

By building this project, Israel already begun, and at a meeting of will not only be creating a territo- the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem on Tuesday, it was decided to "advance the paving of this road."

Besides easing congestion on the main Icrusalem-Tel Aviv highway, this road is also designed to prevent territorial contiguity between a number of Palestinian

villages in the Ramallah area. In addition, it will also keep the Jerusalem neighborhoods of Neveh Ya'acov and Pisgat Ze'ev from being completely encircled off - by Palestinian villages and

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Copts slain after Israel visit

t's just 36 hours since her release from prison and Esmat Abu Saa seems a trifle dazed. At Ramallah City Hall where festivities are in full swing she is one of a dozen women on celebrity

Imprisoned for conspiring to kidnap a soldier, she was released on February 12 along with 29 other Palestinian women as part of the interim peace agreement. Now she shakes hands demurely with strangers, gets up from her seal to receive the hugs of old friends and poses for photos with wide-eyed teenage girls in school uniform. It's easy to imagine her as a movie star or pop singer visiting her home town.

There was a rousing reception in Ramallah when the bus full of women arrived in the wee hours of the morning. Even Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat came out to greet them. When Abu Saa finally reached her home in Tulkarm, she found it filled with friends and relatives.

And now, on her second day of freedom, she is again surrounded by well-wishers, at a City Hall reception sponsored by the Ramallah-hased Association of Women's Committees for Social Work, Fatah's social-welfare orga-

The walls are festooned with banners proclaiming the commu-nity's pride in the "brave women prisoners." Ahu Saa sits in a seat

whose son he has killed?"

Little remorse

A signed a commitment to support the peace process and not to engage in terrorism. But journalists who asked them

what they would say to the families of terror-attack victims got a

"I have nothing to say to the wife of Zvi Klein," retorted Abeer

Wahidi, 27, sentenced five years ago to 17 years' imprisonment

"Does the Israeli soldier say anything to the Palestinian woman

A member of an earlier generation of Palestinian women pris-

oners, Rawda Odeh, refuses to speak of any of the recently released women as killers or terrorists, "Revolutionaries" and

"heroines" are the terms she insists on using, and she has no regrets for her own attempt to poison a man she says was a col-

In 1994, Odeh responded to the oumber 5 bus attack in Tel Aviv,

in which 22 people were killed and 48 were wounded, with hor-rified fascination, but no emotion. "I cried so much during the

intifada for what the soldiers did, and when I saw what happened "

on the buses, I couldn't help but watch how [their families] were

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il the Palestinian women prisoners released last week

Released Palestinian women prisoners are being feted as heroines, but their society may not be ready for the challenges they pose to traditional gender roles, Esther Hecht writes

of honor, dressed in fashionable beige trousers and a tweedy brown sweater, a shawl with traditional cross-stitch in the colors of the Palestinian flag draped over her

Men and women in holiday finery circulate with baskets of sweets and trays of cakes. Highranking PA officials - including Ahmed Tibi, adviser to Arafat, and Yasser Abed Rabho, PA Minister of Culture. Arts and Information arrive to pay their respects.

There will be several more parties and receptions, as groups vie to honor the women. But when the celebracons are over, the former prisoners will return to a traditional, patriarchal society.

It is a society in which men seeking wives through the only personal-ads service available, in the popular magazine Fosta, invariably say "virgin" is their first criterion. It is a society that has little use for strong-willed.

outspoken women, and certainly not for women who believe they are the equals of men.

Yet that is how these women see themselves. In their long discussions in prison about the role of women. Ahu Saa says, they "persuaded one another that there is no difference betweeo meo and

wnmen.' Their shared experience also made the women - Christians and Moslems, single and married closer than sisters. As Ahu Saa puts it, "We are like one hand; we are like one body."

That honding was so strong that the 22 prisoners whose sentences were commuted in October 1995 refused to leave unless all the rest of them went free. Last week, the 30 women who were to be freed refused to go without the last four, until the four urged them to leave.

Now they are returning to a community that is, at best, ambivalent toward them, according to Ghada Zughayar, who until recently beaded The Jerusalem Center for Women. For Zughayar, this attitude is rooted in the immaturity of Palestinian culture and its failure, under the Palestinian Authority, to develop democratic corms.

"There have been loss of speeches and slogans proclaiming commitment to the equality of women, democracy and a progressive society, but these are just lip service." she says. Last year's elections to Palestinian Legislative Council, in which only five out of 28 women candidates won, is yet another sign of this failure.

And AP reported that one of the Palestinian delegates to the 1995 UN Conference on Womeo in Beijing said PA officials had told them to focus on their suffering under Israeli rule and to play down issues like domestic violence and the unequal treatment of womeo under local laws.

Huneida Ghanim, a graduate student in sociology at the Hebrew University, sees more specific reasons for the inability of Palestinian society to accept women prisoners fully. This society is still founded oo the functional and spatial separation of the sexes, she argues in a paper delivered last month in m at a symposium on Women and Crime, sponsored by the university's Institute of Criminology. Her findings are based on interviews with 30 womeo who were prisoners between 1967 and 1987.

The public sphere belongs to men; the private sphere beloogs to women, but is subject to dominaoon by men. Ghanim explains in her paper. (She refused to be interviewed for this article.) The values of family honor, which are intimately connected to women's modesty, are the most important mechanisms that preserve this division, and violating these values injures the entire family.

Since prison is considered part of the masculine domain, Palestinian women prisoners were the first to challenge the strict division between spheres. Thus, althnugh they were considered

national heroines, they were also seen as having endangered their own and their families' honor, by eocroaching on the masculine sphere, far from the supervision of their families.

The word spread quickly that two women prisoners were raped in the Jerusalem lockup in the 60s, Ghanim says, and the primary concern of women's families was possible exposure to sexual assault. So they discouraged their daughters from becoming politically active, for fear of imprisonment and the possible loss of rep-

Once they were imprisoned, however, women used phrases like "sister of men" to describe their courage. But using language that defined themselves in relation to men only served to strengthen male supremacy, Ghanim says.

The families of women prisoners have found ways to cope with their daughters' imprisonment, but the society as a whole has not, Ghanim concludes. Released prisoners are not considered preferred marriage partners, and she heard the following complaint again and again from her interviewees: "Even a man who took an active part in the struggle will seek for a marriage partner a young girl who does not endanger herself by engaging in political activity, and most important of all, who does not argue with him about any-

RAWDA ODEH, 48, who has done time herself, has no such problem in identifying with the prisoners. She spent four years behind bars for trying, as a mem-ber of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, to poison a man she suspected of being a collaborator. Soon after her release, she was detained again for six months for

membership of the PFLP. When Odeh was arrested in 1969, there was no women's prison, and she spent her first two years in a section of Nablus men's prison, which was ill-equipped to house women. There, she says, 18 womeo shared a cell of 20 square meters. A hucket in the corner served as a toilet. They were allowed showers only once a month.

Odeh says she was one of two leaders in Nahlus prisoo who organized hunger strikes to obtain books, better food, and time out-

side in the yard. In fact, Odeh's struggle for betconditions began in Jerusalem's Russian Compound lockup, while she awaited trial. She had feared all along she

might be caught, and the PFLP had prepared her for incarceration. thing I saw in prison. I knew about beforehand," she says. But the reality of it shocked her. She met the two women who said they had been raped.

In her month-long interrogation at the Russian Compound, she eocountered prostitutes for the first time. She saw them take off their clothes and hug the policemen, she recalls. Their behavior was as incomprehensible as it was offensive to her. "In our society, if a woman [even] talks to a man who is a neighbor, they can kill

She began a bunger strike, demanding to be separated from the Israeli women. After 13 days her demands were met. Only after-wards, she says, did she realize that holding her with prostitutes was just a means of intimidating her. Thus, according to Odeh, the pressure to leave political acovism

Sisters in arms: Palestinian women greet a released prisoner in Ramallah. to men came from both the Israelis and the Palestinians. "The Israelis threatened our ard," she says, using one of the words that connote family honor. "Our mothers and sisters had told us the only

thing we must keep is our and." By the time of the intifada, however, loss of family honor was less of a real threat, Abu Saa says, "In the '70s, the interrogators used sexual punishment. My parents knew it wouldn't happen now." Like Abu Saa, Odeh came out of

prison with a strong feminist stance, but tied, as Ghanim points ont, to the culture of national struggle. "I'm proud to be a woman and I want to convince my people that a woman is the same as a man. I am a woman for my busband. With other men, I relate to them as equal. "It's my right to do the same job

as men. In a revolution you need everyone - men and women - to

BETWEEN THE rhetoric and the reality, however, falls the shadow of a society in which male dominance remains an entrenched

"Most Palestinian men who want a woman in the house do oot want her to share their lives or to be equal to them," Odeh says. The fact that some former inmates have never married can be attributed in part to their having been in prison, she adds.

According to Odeh, some of the released prisoners of ber generation also had trouble finding work, but she attributes this to employers' fears of trouble with the Israeli authorities.

Since the establishment of the PA, however, this has changed. Rana Kanaan, for example, who was released in 1995, found work as a PA customs clerk at Allenby Bridge. Women affiliated with Fatah have even found high-ranking jobs, Odeb says. Arafat promised to find jobs in the PA for the recently released prisoners, she adds, and he asked Social Affairs Minister Intisar Wazir (known popularly as Um Jihad) to make sure that those who had no marketable skills receive job train-

Even Abu Saa believes her time in prison will stand her in good stead: "I hope [having been] in prison will help me get a joh," she says. In fact, she believes Palestinian society is changing and will have a place for her.

complete her undergraduate studies in English: "All their bopes and dreams are for me to gradu-Abu Saa was in her third year at

But now, all Abu Saa and her

parents want, she says, is for her to

An-Najah University in Nablus when she was arrested the first time and sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment for possession of a knife. "I had an idea to use it against a soldier," she says in her steady, quiet voice, with the emphasis on the word "idea," as if it had as little substance as the smoke rising from her cigarette.

She returned to the university, studied one more semester, then was arrested again, this time for conspiring to kidnap a soldier to effect the release of other women prisoners. Like the first time, she insists "it was just an idea."

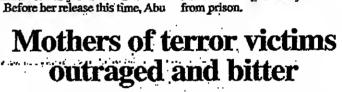
port the peace process and refrain from terrorism, and she has learned this catechism by heart. Can Israelis and Palestinians live alongside each other? "I believe it's possible," she responds, with a ring of conviction. The truest way is coexistence."

She has less than a year to go to

Saa signed a commitment to sup-

finish her degree. Then, perhaps, she will teach English. And per-haps then she will also consider marriage. When she was in prison the first time, men would come around to her parents' home asking for her hand. "My parents said: 'She will go back to the university, and then she will think

In any case, at 30, she seems in no rush to marry, perhaps because of the powerful feminist message she has brought away with her



ast week's release of several Palestinian women prisonlers, including the murderesses of a number of Israelis, has struck a bitter chord among relatives of terror victims, particularly

Gracia Manos, whose son David was killed in 1984 by Lamia Maruf, set free by the Israeli authorities last week, was among those shocked by the government's decision to release the prisoners."For what did they release this awful woman, so she could he a

terrorist?" she bewailed. "The whole idea of releasing prisoners was completely wrong, explained Yehudit Dosberg, whose daughter and son-in-law were killed when their car was ambushed on a road in the territories last June, five days after Netanyahn's election. "These are not prisoners of war, they are criminals and murderers, [whose] release shows that this peace is above the law."

Dosberg made clear that she was against all types of murder, including those by Jews, but asserted that the release signaled to the world that Arab blood was more valuable than Jewish blood. This peace obligates us and not them. It cannot he in Israel that half the people are above the law and half are not. It takes the justice out of this peace."

Joyce Boim, another mother of a terror victim, also insisted that release of the murderers was "a travesty of justice.

"It is utterly ridiculous [to release the Palestinian murderers] while going to defend or avoid a blood-bath are sitting in jail," she added, referring to the Jewish murderers sitting in Israeli jails for carrying out acts of terror against Palestinians.

"As a mother who lost a child whose murderer still hasn't been brought to justice, it burts," Boim said, deeming it inappropriate to adopt a conciliatory attitude toward the Palestinians.

The prime minister promised in a meeting with us that after the Hebron withdrawal the issue of bringing terrorists to justice would be at the top of the agenda," lamented Arych Bachrach, whose son was murdered in Wadi Keit. He asserted that the government's action betrayed ill will toward his and other such families, pointing out that it was unnecessary to release an additional six Palestinian women who were not required to be set free according to the terms of the Oslo agreement.

"One of my son's murderers is a tour guide in Hebron," complained Yehudit Gross. She described how another one of her son's murderers was released in a prisoner exchange several years ago and then went to Egypt where he perpetrated an attack against a group of Israeli tourists that left several

"I don't think the release is fair because we haven't seen any reciprocity on the Palestinian side," argued Gross. I want peace, but this is not real peace. If we would only have unity of all Jews and respect for one another, then we would merit God's granting us a



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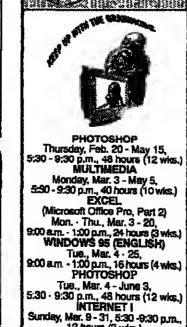
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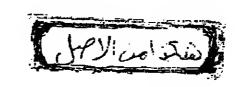
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Parents in distress

Perfore the findings of the Ivry Commission on the cause of this D month's helicopter crash were made public, copies of its report were passed to the government - and to the families of the 73 soldiers.

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Not surprisingly, last weekend the media was rife with parental reactions to the commission's findings. Some like Idan Alper's father, were upset - he felt his son was the victim of disorganization; others, like the family of Moshe Mualem, were hopeful that the commission's report would prevent future

Whatever their reactions, one thing was clear: the spotlight was on the families. This is just one of the many ways over the last two decades in which parents have become more involved in their children's military service.

Take hot lines, for example. In the aftermath of the helicopter crash "The Listening Ear," a national hot line open for all types of problems, received dozens of calls from distressed parents. Shinuel, one of the volunteers manning the phones (he won't give his last name because the organization maintains anonymity on both ends of the phone lines) says, "We listen to them, their worries and their fears. Sometimes these people have no one to talk to."

Raya Hamick tends to agree. Since her son was killed in Lebanon in the Eighties, she has found herself with her. own personal open line for parents who were worried about their sons or who wanted to talk about sons who had fallen. She says that every new tragedy, like this month's helicopter crash, reopens old wounds. "These people call me because they have no official address. I do the minimum I can do," she says. "I think there should be a professional body to which I can refer them."

Perhaps the new hot line which sprang up after the helicopter crash will take some of the volume of those calls. In what they thought would be a one-time event after the crash, the Center for Parenting and Families in the Community for the State Teachers' College in coordination with the Education Ministry set up a hot line to listen to concerns of soldiers' parents. The hot line was so immdated with calls that they continued it a second and third

Today the IDF has to deal not just with soldiers serving in Lebanon, but with their families as well.

week and have now decided to make it a weekly event. Every Tuesday, from 5:30 to 9:30p.m., parents of soldiers can call in and voice their worries and problems to professionals (03-690-2375/6/7/8).

Amy Klein reports

"We saw that there was a strong need for support for the parents of solders," says Haim Amit, who heads the Center for Parenting and Families in the Community. He said that most of the callers were mothers, and their calls can be divided into two categories: The first call as a result of fear. "People were calling with panic attacks. Knocking knees, heart palpitations, insomnia. They complain that they every phone call sends them into a panic because they think it's the call." Amit says that the counselor in these cases listens. "It's easy for people to talk to a stranger. They don't want to talk about it with their children because they don't want their children to worry."

The second type of calls, says Amit, are from parents who are worried about their children's problems. "One mother called me about her son who is afraid to step into a helicopter. Another one said that her son seems introverted and depressed. Should she talk to him?" In both cases, Amit says, the parents' first concern are their children - how to deal with these issues in a way that will put the least pressure on them.

A good proportion of the phone calls were from new immigrants. The hot line is staffed by Hebrew, Russian and Amharic speakers. "A lot of them have a great fear of the army, they don't want their kids to go into infantry."

He tells of one caller who said she tore

up her son's draft orders; another caller said she was trying, behind her son's back, to get him out of the army. Other new immigrants, he says, simply don't know the answers to some practical issues like how to get their children a postponement while they study.
Ruthi Brenner, an immigrant from the

US, doesn't know how she will survive her three sons' army service. Her eldest

son is about to join the paratroopers.

"I've dreaded this moment for many years. Now I will have that constant dread, for that fateful knock on the door." She has taken out an ad for a weekly support group "for mothers whose sons are serving in dangerous places to share our thoughts and fears."

All this parental confusion should mean that the Center for Parenting and Families in the Community's new course, which is set to open in April for parents of soldiers, will probably be filled to the gills. The eight-part course (half lectures, half workshops), which was planned some time ago with the Education Ministry, will deal with issues facing parents with children in the army, such as what if a parent doesn't want their son to enter an infantry unit but the son wants to, or vice versa. The course will be free for parents whose children are serving in infantry units.

Amit says, "The parents in infantry are the most important part, but they are the

An IDF spokeswoman says that "the IDF has no intention of starting a support system for parents. Civilians are taken care of by civilian mental-health services." Even so, the army does recognize the important role the parents play in the lives of the soldiers. "We aim to inform the public and to enlist the participation of the family to obtain their support."

"There is a trend of growing parental involvement in what is happening in the unit," says Dr. Efraim Inbar, director of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategie Studies at Bar-Ilan University. To some extent the IDF has encouraged it as part of the PR campaign - they opened up bases for visits, they encouraged soldiers to call home, they give out telephone numbers of the commanders, and there are days when parents can have discussions with the army."



Helen Linden, already worried about the army service of her 12-year-old son, recalls the Beit Lid bombings; War widow Mira Hermoni is active in Women and Mothers for Peace.

IT'S ALSO because the times have changed, says Dr. Ron Levy, former IDF chief psychologist. "Twenty years ago the army took an 18-year-old; everything that happened to him was to the individual. Today you can't take a soldier pretending he has no family."

Modern communication - telephones, mobile phones and television broadcasts which are more instantaneous and less strictly censored than they once were puts the soldiers in close touch with their

Bnt it's more than technological advance, says Dr. Oz Almog, a sociologist at the Jezreel Valley College: "Today the family is the central value of the 'yuppiedom'; worry is part of the deep connection."

He adds: "Don't forget that today's parents were in the army and they know the system, and they don't take this with closed eyes."

Levy says that there is a delicate balance that must be maintained with parental involvement, "Sometimes it gets to be intervention - parents try to pull strings. The IDF doesn't like it, and there's a conflict. As long as the parents know the boundaries."

"This type of [over-] involvement," says Inbar, "is counterproductive. Parents might start to question opera-

Questioning operations is exactly the try, there is an uprising of mothers who are afraid for their sons. But instead of support groups and hot lines, they are taking their fears to where army policy is made: the government.

"Women and Mothers for Peace," is an organization with branches in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv; it has garnered thousands of signatures across the country.

"We are tired from the wars," says Mira Hermoni, an active member of the Jerusalem branch. Hermoni's husband

was killed in the Yom Kippur War. Her son finished the army two years ago and now serves in reserves.

"It's not only my son I am concerned about," she explains. Their agenda is to remind the government - whichever one is in power - to fight for peace. After the belicopter crash, they want Lebanon to remain open for debate. "We want to know that our sons' presence there is justified. The crash was a signal - not necessarily to pull out, but to stop and think

Women and Mothers for Peace is not allied with other organizations because they have a unique legitimacy as women whose sons are serving - or will serve in

Helen Linden is a mother of three. Though her oldest is not yet 12, she is already worded about his service. She has participated in meetings of Women and Mothers for Peace, as well as another group called "Religious Mothers for the Sanctity of Life." Both organizations were pro-active in pushing for the Hebron agreements.

She says that all of the women "want a feeling that the government is concerned with the way they use the soldiers." With a husband in reserves serving in places such as Lebanon, she thinks it's important for the subject to be open for discus-

It's a sign of a more open society one current, and the army is demystified because of parents who have served there - that a national debate can take

With the debate, the pressure is increasing. I have no doubts in my mind that such a hig catastrophe has a negative impact," says Inbar. "It has a tortuous effect on the willingness to support the struggle in southern Lebanon.

Though he also supports withdrawal from Lebanon, Almog thinks it should



be done quickly, without debate. "You are telling the enemy I am weak, I am not strong enough... and that's what they want... you should do it quietly."

Amit, in discussing why parents are more distressed today than they once were, gives credence to the argument that a public debate demoralizes the soldiers: "There was once a public consensus that the infantry was important. It allowed pareots to feel part of something important."

Linden, who wants to know that her children will be serving in the army for lic debate is not only necessary but beneffeial to the soldiers serving in

Lebanon. "The soldiers serving in the army have a whole array of political views, like the left-wing soldier serving in the West Bank or the right-wing soldier in Hebron. They each bring their own political opinions, but they follows the orders and do it. I'm sure they want to feel that there's discussion on both sides of the political spectrum."

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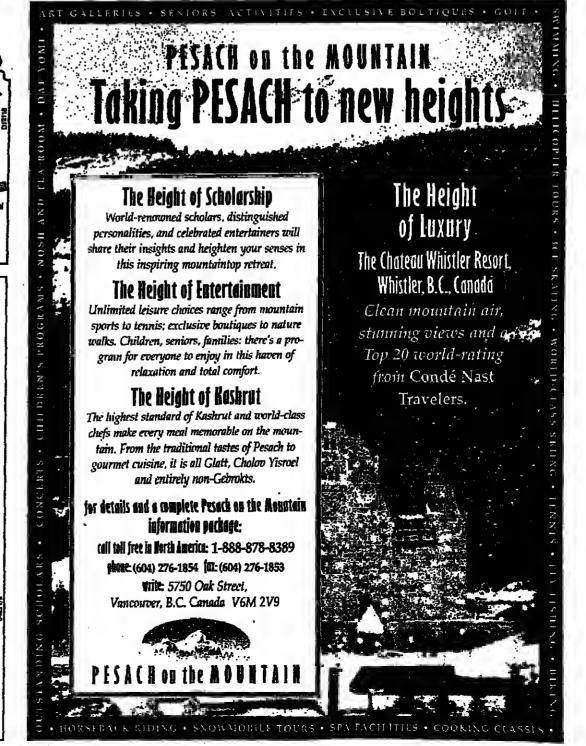
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Breaking the ice

Israel and the US will be better able to weather future storms following Netanyahu's meeting with Clinton, reports Hillel Kuttler from Washington

imagined a prime minister's visit to Washington should be. It's a wonder what a period of

calm and the perception of progress can do. The visit was characterized foremost by the absence of the major clouds lurking over two of Netanyahu's three previous trips here. It stood in stark contrast to last July's visit, when the Clinton administration was still fighting election shock syndrome. And unlike late September, riots were not just days behind, with all the attendant pressures for Netanyahu to deliver concessions in the White House summit with Yasser Arafat.

In those instances, the US "put a positive cast on things," knowing full well that "that's not really where the relationship was," a senior US official conceded.

This time, with the Hebron agreement having just been sealed and Netanyahu delivering a lopsided vote in Knesset, the atmosphere here was immeasurably improved.
For the first time since

Netanyahu took office, the administration believes that now, finally, it has a serious partner committed to and engaged fully in the process of making peace. The character of their dialogue with Netanyahu reached a positive enough level for one senior American official to term it an "honest discussion" - as opposed to the more familiar term 'candid' talks - where the sides now know they are capable of "really working together, where you can find ways to really sort

"Whatever difficulties come up, we bave more of a capacity to manage them than before. Part of it is a function of working together in negotiations, part is a function of the leaders meeting."

The trust oow reached with

or Binyamin Netanyahu, last Netanyahu, he added, puts the week must have been what he Israelis and Americans in a better position to weather their inevitable disagreements ahead. But maybe not too far ahead. This week's evolving Har Homa controversy could be but a precursor to the big debates lurking as the first IDF redeployment occurs and final-sta-tus negotiations with the Palestinians commence in March.

The consensus of interviews with a half-dozen current and former American officials involved in Middle East diplomacy is that three elements contributed substantially to Netanyahu's rehabilitation here:

ber of probing questions. "Many of the things that were said, it was the first ome they were said," the official commented of Netanyahu's overview, which included a lengthy meeting with Clinton one-on-one. "It wasn't him coming in and saying: 'This is the way it's gonna be.' This was a presentation that was reasonable," the official said.

"The reason the president said he was encouraged was because of the cast of mind, the cast of feeling, the character of the exchange. It con-

The question now, of course, is how long Netanyahu's second honeymoon might last

the Hebron deal, which cemented Netanyahu in the peace camp; the process leading up to the accord, which created a level of intimacy between the US and the new Israeli negotiators; and last Thursday's meeting with President Clinton, marked by an unprecedented depth of discussion between the two lead-

According to the US official, the three-bour session was the "best of the visits we've had here" because it was the first where there was a genuine dialogue between Netanyahu and Clinton. Both Israeli and US officials maintain that news reports prior to the talks-that anticipated Netanyahu laying out in detail his approach to a final status agreement with the Palestinians, or even how the first redeployment will look, were not grounded in reality.

For the first time, Netanyahu cogently laid out Israel's security needs, with Clinton asking a oumvinced the president there's a ge uine desire to move forward. And you [Netanyahu] don't share those kinds of considerations unless you're serious."

Netanyahu's seriousness in progressing with the PA extended beyond Hebron, said the official, pointing to the recent release of 30 Palestinian female prisoners, along with the VAT agreement with the Palestinians. Officials acknowledge now that somewhere along the trying path to the Hebron deal's culmination in mid-January, the realization hit that Netanyahu was committed to what one called a level of seriousness."

"It was the process that began to change the image [to one] of the readiness to live up to commit-

"It helped a great deal," said former assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs Edward Djerejian, of the Hebron deal. "This was a sine qua oon for the Israeli-Palestinian relationship to move forward. It was a littinus test for the Israeli government in the eyes of

Or, as a former official stated: The guy four months ago [following the September riots] was in the dog house in Washington and tried

out of the dog house." The question now, of course, is

to muscle his way out of town

without giving an inch. Now, he's

how long Netanyahu's second honeymoon might last. On the Syrian track, the ball appears to be headed soon to Damascus'a side of the court. Netanyahu went public with his formula that talks could resume with him "taking note" of previous talks run by Labor.

The Americans are now seeking to bridge the gaps between Jerusalem and Damascus but caution that no breakthrough on the procedural obstacle is imminent. For that reason, neither Secretary of State Madeleine Albright nor US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross is likely to head to the region for at least a month. There's even less urgency to go right now, with visits in any case scheduled here by PA chairman Yasser Arafat, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan'a King Hussein between oow and the end of

The State Department also said this week that it would prefer that Har Homa and the two roads around Jerusalem not move off the drawing boards quite yet so as not to complicate Israeli-Palestinian relations. Bot the US recognizes that having delivered on Hebron, Netanyahu may bave burnished his peace credentials but has no fewer domestic pressures.

With Har Homa representing the latest, potentially explosive test, it just goes to illustrate that Netanyahu's problems "are basically in Israel, not in Washington," said former US ambassador to Israel Sarmel Lewis. "Whether he gets through the Bar-On affair is more significant than anything he can go through here." Former National Security

Council official Geoffrey Kemp attributed the more optimistic tone in the bilateral relationship to a simple realization: "The prime minister has made some genuine concessions, or statesmanlike acts, which are very much appreciated."

Ezer takes tea with the Queen

On the eve of President Weizman's visit to London, Barry Rubin argues that Israeli-British relations are in a healthy state - for now

Tt's long overdue, but Israel's president is finally going to play the palace. Ezer Weizman's stay as a guest in Buckingham Palace next week is a good indication of the excellent state of Israeli-British relations today. Yet the fact that the first state visit is coming a half-century after Israel's independence also shows how problematic this relationship has been.

During his historic trip, which begins next Tuesday, Weizman will be feted by Queen Elizabeth. Prime Minister John Major, and other British leaders.

As an alumnus of the Royal Air Force, he will be an bonored visifor to its most advanced base. And Weizman's call at the Imperial War Museum's new wing commemorating the Holocaust is going to call attention to a belated British focus on that colossal



(Weizman photo: Isaac Harari/ Queen Elizabeth: AP)

anti-Israel period in the 1970s and

But eveo before the break-

throughs in the peace process in

acceptable in mainstream British

politics. Major has essentially

cootinued this orientation. The presence of Malcolm Riffund, a

lewish politician with a record of

support for Israel, in top-level

cabinet posts is also a sign of this

change, though he has been per-

sonally careful to display even-

Nowadays, British political life is understandably obsessed with

the forthcoming general elections.

change in government could also

mean a cooling of relations with

Israel, if the left wing of Labor

has influence over policy. Labor

Party leaders deny that this will

happen. Even if there is a differ-

ence, it will probably oot mean a

In terms of British intellectual

institutions, change is slower and:

A few years ago, a leading British Middle East expert com-

mented, "The Foreign Ministry is

the world's last stronghold of Pan-

But there are also signs that

Whitehall is going through an

evolution similar to that of the

not always so visible.

increasingly uncomfortable.

It is easy to take successful relations between the two countries 1980s made that orientation for granted, given Britain's consistent support for US policy. But it is also possible to overlook the early 1990s, prime minister Margaret Thatcher played a key role for making a pro-Israel policy them, given the continuing gener-al hostility of British diplomatic and academic institutions and the media toward Israel. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's election last May intensified (or provided a fresh excuse) for this antagonism, while also causing serious concera for the British government about the peace process's fate.

The Hebron agreement has, at least temporarily, quieted official criticism. But other, longer-term factors have also been at work

here. A big influence, of course, have been the dramatic changes in the Middle East political simation, making it clear even to the British establishment that better lioks to Israel need oot entail worse relations with Arab states. Historically, of course, there were also non-strategic factors

contributing to suspicion and coldness toward Israel. Despite such honorable exceptions as Winston Churchill and Harold Wilson, British political and social life has been permeated by negative attitudes toward Jews. The Conservative Party was a preserve of snobbish antisemitism while the Labor Party was affected by a strident leftism that also seemed rooted in anni-Jewish sen-

Traditionally British Jewa large-ly supported Labor. Although the party felt a strong affinity for its Israeli counterpart, its virulently

From being responsible mainly for maintaining good British-Arab relations, the Foreign Ministry increasingly seeks to play a role as mediator in the Middle East. Similarly, threats arising from Middle East radical regimes, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and Islamic revolutionary movements also make for more parallel Israeli and British interests.

As anyone who bas seen the very accurate comedy series Yes, Minister knows, the civil service acmally governs much of the time. Even career bureaucrats have begun to understand that any political settlement must be acceptable to Israel and cannot just be imposed on it.

Both in its own right and as part of the EU, Britain wants to play a higger role in Middle East diplomacy. Yet as long as it demonstrates Israeli contentions of bias, the Europeans forfeit that chance. That's why the British and other governments were so embarrassed by President Jacques Chirac's opportunistic attacks on Israel.

UNIVERSITIES AND research centers have also shifted somewhat in their attitude toward Israel. A decade ago, any academic involved in regional studies who dared have a favorable view of the Jewish state - which might even mean supporting its exis-tence - was isolated and reviled. Today, the situation has become more open and at least somewhat diverse, for example, in Middle East, Mediterranean, and strategic studies.

The atmosphere is still quite hostile, certainly compared to American standards. One of Britain's leading political jouroals, International Affairs, has just published two full-length articles, one advocating Israel's elimination and replacement by a sin-gle Arab-Jewish state, and a further article attacking US policy as singlemindedly and self-destructively pro-Israel and anti-Arab.

Lagging behind even this situation, albeit again with many exceptions, is much of the British media. A recent television docu-mentary charged, using terms reminiscent of Sbylock or Fagin. that wealthy Jews are taking money from poor Americans and funneling it to settlements in the

Often, British journalists do not even bother to interview Israelis, while quoting Palestinian critics at great length.

Foreign policy plays virtually. Going after Netanyahu as a oo role in this battle. Still, a hardliner often seems merely an eagerly accepted rationale for bashing Israel.

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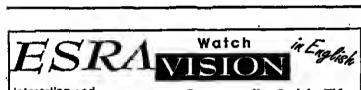
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The pattern of events has become so predictable as to be almost amusing

A successful advance for the peace process, predicated oo Israeli concessions, leads to several weeks or months of rejoicing and positive statements about

This is followed by a new set of tough Israel-Palestinian negotiations setting off new condemnations of Israeli intransigence and Arab nationalism." Today, this characterization still has some calls for pressure.

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Greetings and may G-d bless you all,

I turn to you in this emotional appeal for your assistance. Some of you know me personally, but most of you are only familiar with the story of the wonderful journey to save my life from cancer, which was detected on the eve of my Bat Mitzvah, list in my right leg and which later spread to both my lungs. You, as guardian angels, joined us by generously helping my devoted parents and brothers provide me with the less medical treatment money can buy, emotional strength and physical stamma. Together we climbed the steep mountain of difficult chemotherapy treatments and 10 operations in 6.5 years on my log and lungs. I have been very fortunate, thank G-d, and at present, I am talong my first steps on my own two feet, as a medical student.

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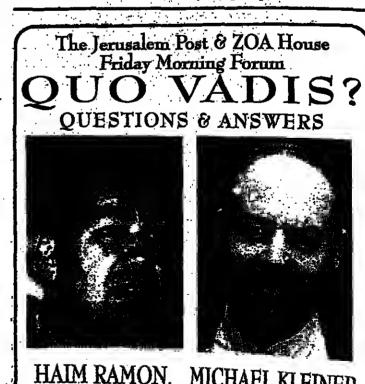
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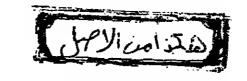
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By MOSHE KOHN

F nough is enough." Thus James A. Bill, professor of government, and

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Indeed, "Enough is enough," I

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specimen of specious pro-"Palestinian" historiography. The authors challenge my asser-tion that they rely almost exclusively on radical left, post-Zionist, anti-Zionist, anti-Israel Jewish. Arah and other sources." They say they "attempted to draw upon as wide a variety of literature as possible," and boast that in chapter 7. which focuses on the state and

SHABBAT SHALOM

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mong the most famous omaments of the Sanctuary were the two cherubs, golden figures with the face of a baby and wings extended heaven-wards, which adorned the Ark Cover and protected the Holy Tablets of Testimony.

However, in the Sanctuary the cherubs are described as facing each other, while in the Holy Temple they are described as facing the wall of the Temple, inward, away from each other (2 Chronicles 13:3). Rabbi Yohanan, a Talmudic sage, explains: "In one case [our portion of Truma with the cherubs facing each other] Israel is doing the will of God, and in the other case [facing the wall of the Temple) Israel is not doing the will of God" [Babylonian

Don it proudly, Madeleine

Albright to portray herself as a vic- Indyks, Rosses and Cohens have master stuck to its mouth a note was compelled to be baptized in tim of Fascism and communism. Yet what she really was - and remains - is a victim of anti-

woman she evidently is, one could have taken at face value the secretary's insistence that all her life she bad had no inkling of her

Yet people far less well-read and globe-trotted than her would reflexively suspect that behind an upper-middle-class family's abrupt flight from Czechoslovakia in the late 1930s, and the untimely deaths of all its grandparents in the 1940s, lurks the same Jewish fate which afflicted, for instance, this writer's four Czechoslovak grandparents.

cise in escapism was originally Albright's or her parents' is immaterial; what matters is that in terms of the fear, shame and utility considerations which apparently had generated it, Albright should long ago have realized it was time to get

Fortunately, half a millennium after the Spanish Inquisition and two generations after Nuremberg, to hide one's Jewishness has become an anachronism across the civilized world, where many eyebrows were raised in light of the Washington Post's findings con-

cerning Albright's peculiar story. In an America where in recent years assorted Greenspans, Reichs, Rivlins. Glickmans, Bergers, Kantors,

than twice as many citations to

"Wide variety": Indeed, the ini-

tial letters of the sumames of those

B/S cites range from "A," as in

Thrahim and Janet Abu-Lughod,

two veteran and distinguished pro-

Arab propagandists, through "H,"

as in Theodor Herzl, who is quoted

In between we have "B," as in

Lenni Brenner, Mordechai Bar-

On, and Meron Benvenisti; "F," as

in Norman Finkelstein and Simha

Flapan; "H." as in Yehoshafat

Harkabi and Leon Hadar, "K," as

in Peretz Kidron; "M" for Joan

Mandell of MERIP (a New Left

enthusiastic supporter of Fatah's "Revolution Until Victory" idea);

"R." as in Maxime Rodinson: "S."

as in Tom Segev and Avi Shlaim.

Jews who do, indeed, represent

variety - a variety of styles and

degrees of bashing a Zionism and

an Israel guided by any idea or per-

sonality to the right of Meretz. For

some, even Meretz is too orthodox.

us Arabs (Moslem and Christian.

and perhaps secular) and other

To add to the variety, B/S gives

These are all Israeli or Diaspora

Israeli or Jewish writers than there

are to Palestinian authors."

been assuming key government positions routinely, the sudden appearance of a kind of neo-Marrano is about as natura) as Aryeh Deri joining the Supreme Court. Albright would have done well to look at the numerous openly Jewish officials who fill the administration of which she is a part, and understand that for her to fear the consequences of her ancestry becoming known is no

longer rational.

Israelis, too, having already encountered Henry Kissinger, Bruno Kreisky, Malcolm Rifkind, Jacques Attali, and even Mrs. Boutros-Boutros Ghali, hardly yawn hy now at the sight of yet another Jew firmly built into this or that corridor of power. Moreover, past fears here that a Jewish secretary of state - eager to prove his or her impartiality would arm-twist Israel into farflung concessions, have also lost much of their relevance; the West Bank and Gaza are pretty much gone, and what will happen with the Golan is also well known hy

YET NOT only should her roots not scare Albright, but in fact she has plenty of which to be proud in mythical Golem, the beast which

now to any political novice.

with God's full name - to 20thcentury authors Franz Kafka, Franz Werfel and Max Brod.

These, like most Czech Jews, had a frequently dialectic relationship with their neighboring cultures. Lipman wrote a major work of anti-Christian polemics, hut regularly associated with non-Jewish Judah Loew, according to the

legend, had to create the Golem in order to defend the ever-vulnerable Jews of Prague, but be also held a philosophical dialogue with Emperor Rudolph II. Kafka, while arguably the most influential Czech writer ever, wrote in German; and, not coincidentally, his beroes obsessively searched for their identities.

Beyond those fear and shame factors, Albright should have realized that while millions along the centuries have managed to hide, deny and indeed extinguish their Jewishness, when it came to the kind of prominence she has now reached, her many predecessors didn't even attempt to hide their roots; when it comes to power, talent and publicity, they knew, the Jew in you would ultimately

Snch were, for instance. Walter Rathenau, the Weimar Republic foreign minister who, though a firm believer in assimilation, made no secret of his origins and even began learning Hebrew, shortly before be was assassinated by nationalists who doubted his patriotism; or Benjamin Disraeli, who

order to pave the way for the illustrious political career he ultimately had, but even so proudly sported his Jewish identity; or French prime minister Leon Blum, who not only took pride in his Jewishness but in fact declared himself a Zionist.

In the US, to be sure, politicians were never assassinated for their Jewishness, nor expected to be baptized in order to assume federal office. And the religious-ethnic tolerance which America's founding fathers have so successfully nurtured has over the past two centuries permeated entire continents.

There is, of course, the exception of various Middle Eastern regimes which, for instance, nonchalantly shelter such a Nazi criminal as Alois Brunner - friend, colleague and mentor of those who killed Secretary Albright's grand-

Indeed, in this part of the world, where Jews are still widely viewed through the same hinoculars, depicted with the same brushes, and stained with the same poison ink as those used by Goebbels, Albright would be right to feel uneasy about her newly discovered

After all. Madeleine, for those of Israel's neighbors who foam at the mouth at the sight of a dead Jewish child in a bombed-out bus stop in Tel Aviv or a levelled Jewish center in Buenos Aires, no matter what you say, think, feel or do you never ceased to be, and always

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By SHLOMO RISKIN

There were cherubs in the desert sanctuary built by Moses, and there were cherubs in the Holy Temple built by King Solomon

1,000 years later.

Talmud, Bava Bana 99a]. The Rashbam (Rabbenu-Shmuel ben Meir, 1080-1174, grandson of Talmudic debate between Rabbi Rashi) explains in his Talimudic interpretation that there was ineffect the very same omamental study in our lives.

semitism. Had she not been the well-educated and intensely cosmopolitan

Jewishness.

Whether or not this failed exerher real ethnicity out of the closer.

Whenever she climbed yet

that regard. Few ethnic groups produced so many luminaries as did Czech Jewry, from mediaeval theologian Yom-Tov Lipman and early-modern mystic philosopher Judah Loew - creator of Prague's

once went on a rampage until its

though they are rather monochro-

Enough is enough!

matic in their hostility to Israel. They range from "A" for the above-mentioned Abu-Lnghod and also Baha Abu-Laban, through "C" for Erskine Childers and Andrew and Leslie Cockburn, through "K" for Rashid Khalidi, to "S" for Edward Said, who considers Yasser Arafal to have sold out to

mainly to show the allegedly imperialist nature of Zionism, "M," as the Zionists, and Rajah Shehadeh. The variety includes many more - non-Jews and Jews, Arabs and and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, "post-Zionist" nevisionist-historiand Prof. Robert Springborg of an, to "W," as to Chaim others, from Israel and elsewhere ranging from just plain vicious Weizmann, who, somewhat like slanderers to those who claim to be Herzl, is quoted to show Zionism's concerned for Israel's soul and out to save us from ourselves. BIS quote them dozens of times, mainly to show Zionism as a Western imperialist-colonialist agent and Israel as an alien, virtually criminal

transplant in this region. On the other hand, BIS does, todeed, also quote David Ben-Gurion, Weizmann, Herzl, Yehuda Leib Pinsker, Moses Hess, Aaron S. Klieman, Elie Kedourie, Walter Laqueur, Barry Rubin, Emmanuel Gutman, Nadav Safran, Itamar Rabinovich, Yitzhak Shamir, Shabtai Teveth, and a few others. They quote a few of these in a relatively neutral way, but most in order to illustrate Zionism's and Israel's alleged nefarious intentions and deeds on behalf of

Western imperialism. Bill and Springborg argue that "there are more than twice as many citations to Israeli or Jewish writnon-Jews, also with surnames in a ers than there are to Palestinian authors." That may be: but most of in support of their anti-Zionist, anti-Israeli canards,

The professors say I wrote of the "bloodthirsty declarations of most Arabs." I said no such thing. I did write of "the well-documented bloodthirsty anti-Jewish declarations of most Arab, including "Palestinian," spokesmen" of the 1948 period, when the armies of five Arab states tovaded newborn Israel.

BIS calls those invasions "military interventions ... into the civil war ... raging ... between Jews and Palestinians." It quotes an early revisionist-historian, Simba Flapan, to the effect that the invasions were "not aimed at destroying the Jewish state [but were] intended to prevent [Jordan's Hashemite King] Abdullah from annexing the Arab part of Palestine..." Furthermore, both Abdullah and the others

with Israel to further their aspirations." Some 6,000 Jews and I don't know how many Arabs lost their lives in this alleged anti-Abdullah action.

"were ready to consider an alliance

In out-of-context quotations from Ben-Gurion, taken from Flapan and that other notorious revisionist. Avi Shlaim. B/S purports to show that our acceptance of the 1947 UN partition proposal was not intended at long last to reestablish our national sovereignty under the best conditions avail-

those citations are of the sort that able, but was only part of a "tacti-"Palestinians," too, can and do cite cal move designed to pave the way for a military confrontation with the Palestinians.'

Incidentally, in that period there was no people calling itself Palestinian, certainly no such Arab people. Distinguished Arab spokesmen had only recently said as much to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry and to the

BILL AND Springborg do not respond to other criticisms I made. To deal with all the shortcoming of chapter 7 would require much, much more space than I may take here. But I will deal with just one

more point in their letter. Replying to my "slur that [they] are 'Zionism-haters and Israelbashers," they inform us that they "have both lectured widely in Israeli universities," that Bill has brought a number of Israeli scholars to William and Mary, "and that at his urging" W & M sponsored a lecture and luncheon for Israel's then-ambassador, Itamar Rabinovich. What is more, "in at least two Israeli courses" BIS has been

"the principal required reading" What have Bill's and W & M's hospitality and his and Springborg's travels to do with the quality of the book? The book's use here is a demerit for those

using or recommending it. l am sorry to read that it is scheduled to "soon appear in its fifth

edition. Enough is enough!

The love to face each other

piece of sculpture in the form of two cherubs in both sacred places, the Sanctuary as well as the Holy Temple. A miracle, or Divine interven-

tion, was involved in the direction in which the cherubs faced; whenever the Israelites acted in accordance with the Divine Will, the cherubs would face each other and whenever the Israelites did not act in accordance with the Divine Will, the cherubs would face the Temple Wall

The behavior of the nation Israel literally animated the sculptured cherubs. Unfortunately, it was during the

reign of King Solomon that the Israelites began to backslide. The Netziv (Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehuda Berlin, 1817-1893) has difficulty with the notion that the change in direction was determined by the Israelites' behavior, after all, King Solomon is pictured as having produced cherubs for the Temple which were specifically made facing the wall, differing from the cherubs which had been produced by Moses and Bezalel. Hence the famed Rosh Yeshiva

of Volozhin suggests that the Talmudic phrase "when Israel is doing the will of God" refers to the historical period of the desert Sanctuary, and "when Israel is not doing the will of God" refers to the historical period of Solomon's Temple. And this period or era description, insists the Netziv, harks back to the famous Yishmael and Rahbi Shimon bar Yohai regarding the role of Torah

In Deuteronomy, the following verse appears: "I will give you rain for your land at the right season, the autumn rains and the spring rains, that you may gather in your grain" (Deuteronomy 11:14). The Sages ask why do we need the words, "...so that you may gather in your grain"? Isn't that ohvious? Rahbi Yishmael teaches that the verse in question comes to limit the command of God to Joshua: "This book of Torah shall not depart out of your mouth. You shall meditate therein by day and by night" (Joshua 1:8). Since one could logically conclude that the Almighty is commanding us to devote all our time to Torah and no time at all to a

worldly occupation, the seemingly superfluous phrase Deuteronomy, underscores the importance of a person "gathering his grain." A person must do both: study

Torah and be involved in worldly

occupation, concludes Rabbi

Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai disagrees completely. "If a person is to plow to the plowing season, sow in the sowing season, reap to the reaping season, thresh in the threshing season... what is to become of Torah? But the fact is that when Israel does the will of God, the work of Israel will be done by others... and when Israel does not do the will of God, then they will have to break their own backs, as it says, 'so that you gather in your grain." [Babylonian

The Netziv, in an ingenious

Taimud, Berakhot 35a]

- Section of the sect

links this dispute with the direction of the cherubs. We must remember that the desert generation had their nutritional needs taken care of by the manna, and their shelter needs taken care of hy the succot (tabernacles or Divine tents of glory); they lived a kind of primordial, communal existence, free to devote themselves completely to the study of Torah. They lived a life "doing the will of God" as understood by Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai, and therefore the cherubs of Moses' desert sanctuary faced each other.

with Lithuanian yeshiva ideology,

The period of the Holy Temple was one in which the Israelites had already entered the land of Israel and were deeply involved to the agricultural pursuits of extracting subsistence - and vital natural resources - from the land. They worked very hard, and even if they remained devoutly committed to God and to Torah, they were nevertheless in the Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai category of "not doing the will of God." Hence, the cherubs of King Solomon's Temple faced

the wall. The Netziv was the great Talmudic figure who headed the yeshiva of Volozhin. For him, the study of Torah was life and life was the study of Torah. It is no wonder that he would interpret "doing the will of God" as exclusive involvement in the study of Torah.

I would like to suggest a third interpretation of the Talmudic explanation of the cherabs' direction. It appears to me that "doing fashion and very much in accord the will of God" refers neither to

the general actions of the Israelites nor to the periods of the desert or the Solomonic Kingdom respectively; it refers rather to the specific direction of the cheruhs. The cheruhs have the face of babies and the wings of birds; they symbolize humanity, the best of bumanity, consisting of childlike naivete and angel-like capacity to reach upwards and fly to the Divine. When our most God-like people, interpreters or protectors of Torah (which the cherubs must be), face each other and express sensitivity towards each other, they must be viewed as "doing the will of heaven."

But when they only face the Temple and turn away from each other - even for the best of reasons, even for the sake of the Temple, even for the sake of Heaven - then they are "not doing the will of heaven." Moses under stood this, and built a temporary Sanctuary so that "God could dwell in the midst of the people; his cherubs faced each other." King Solomon did not suffi-

ciently understand, so he built an imposing edifice but laid the groundwork for the disintegration of his nation; his cherubs faced the wall of the Temple, but not each other!

The cherubs have been interpreted in various ways, but one thing is clear, when two people face each other, when we love each other in a way that reflects the love of the Divine Presence for the nation of Israel, only then are we truly fulfilling the "will of God."

Shabbat Sholom

GRAPEVINE

A shining success

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE LONG arm of coincidence spans time and continents. Wheo Miriam Frankel, director of development at Reuth, the Women's Social service Organization dedicated to enabling members of the "Third Age" to live out their lives in dignity, read about the accolades being heaped on Shine, the story of Australian piano prodigy David Helfgott, her mind went back to her youth in Perth. She remembered going to the movies with Helfgott when she was 16, and wondered if he remembered her. He did and he and his wife were delighted to learn that Reuth was having a benefit screening of the film.

Better still, Lynn Redgrave, who plays Helfgott's wife in the movie, is a Reuth supporter, and spoke to Frankel by phone from Los Angeles only minutes before the screening. Helfgott, she said, had been so pleased with the movie that he'd termed it the best thing since Ben Hur. She looked forward to his scheduled concert recital in Los Angeles on March 25. Several Australians in the audience at Jerusalem's Lev Smadar einema were slightly preved that the plot deviated somewhat from the truth. Nonetheless the consensus was that it's a great movie. Even the men got

LABOR LEADER Shimon Peres has a tendency for marring his wit with overstatement. At a dinner hosted by billionaire industrialist

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WE'LL BE VERY ANGRY!

Council for the Promotion of Israel-China Relations, and Dan Propper, president of the Israel Manufacturers Association in honor of Chinese Vice Premier Li Langing, Peres earned the appreciative laughter and applause of Li's large entourage of businessmen and journalists when he said, "Great Britain didn't come to Hong Kong to introduce democracy and China doesn't take over Hong Kong to spoil its prosperity."

But then, Peres who also happens to be CPICR honorary president, put his foot in his mouth by mentioning Taiwan. In a thinly disguised message to Middle East peace negotiators Peres said: "Even with Taiwan, China understands that it is better to be one country with two systems, than two countries with one system." The silence was so deadly that one could cut the air with a knife, But Peres, to his credit, is adept at

quick reversals, and earned himself another round of applause when he referred to a remark Li had made earlier. Li had attributed his special affinity for Israel to his school days. If a pupil did exceptionally well, the teacher gave him two triangles "like in the flag of Israel." If he did moderately well, he got one triangle, and if he did badly, he got a cross. Praising Li's address to the assemhly of Israeli and Chinese business executives Peres said, "You can get two triangles, not a cross."

THERE WERE hardly any non-Russians at the opening of the

THE IL MAKE BY

TROOBLE AND WHO KINGS

protest exhibition at Jerusalem's Artists' House by Moscow-born Vera Gutkina. A placard in one corner proclaimed "Support Russian Olim, oot Russian Mafia." In a spoof on Habad's attempts to get Russian Jews onto the religious

track, a plaque in a painting reads "Don't steal on Shabbat." Although in Israel for 15 years, the 43-yearold Gutkina is still angry about the ways in which many Soviet expatriates now living here are treated. That anger prompted her to found Sod, a non-profit organization for the protection of immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Amongst the guests at the open-

ing were Russian Ambassador Alexander Bovin, who had actually come to see a group exhibition, which opened concurrently at the same venue. The importance of cultural expression and pursuits in the hves of Russian immigrants was evidenced not only by the size of the crowd, but also by the number of press photographers representing most of the local Russian print

THE CAUSE is noble, but the sales pitch isn't. Rabbis Simha Hacoben Kook, chief rabbi of Rehovot, Levi Yitzhak Bistritzki, chief rabbi of Safed, Haim Druckman, head of Yeshivat Or Ezion, Azriel Oyerbach, renowned Talmudic commentator, and Moshe Yosef Miltzki, head of the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court, are amongst some dozen highly respected rabbis who have joined forces to raise

WELL IN THAT CASE.



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Russian Ambassador Alexander Bovin was on hand for an exhibition at Jerusalem's Artists' House. (Vered Pe'en/IPPA)

great scholar who has suffered a of Agudat Yisrael - but then it's oot serious heart attack.

Flyers bearing their endorsements have been put in mail-boxes around the country with requests for dona-tions of NIS 180, NIS 360 and NIS 540 which are all multiples of 18— the Hebrew for life. The notice states that a donor giving over NIS 180 will have his name mentioned in prayers at the Western Wall for 40 consecutive days. In addition, every 70 donors contributing NIS 180 will be included in a raffle for a silver havdala set.

Well, what about poor people who want to do a mitzva, but can't afford NIS 180? Don't they deserve to be mentioned in prayers? Their NIS 18 are worth much more than a rich man's NIS 1,800.

IT'S USUALLY very difficult to fluster Rabbi Menachem Porush, funds to support the family of a chairman of the Jerusalem branch

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A LONG LIST OF SHIKAR

often that he gets a surprise visit from the Vizhnitzer Rebbe. Porush is currently celebrating half a century of community work for which be has received tributes from several huminaries from the rabbinic world, including, as of last week, Rabbi Moshe Hager. Given only mini-mal notice that the rebbe and several of his followers were on their way to his home, Porush acted with . alacrity, summoning his soos and sous-in-law to join him in greeting the very special guest. One of his sons, Rabbi Meir Porush, who happens to be deputy minister for construction and housing, had to put affairs of state on hold because his father's bonor took precedence.

THE KNESSET has a new spokesman, Giora Pordes. No stranger to the role, nor to people in high places, Pordes was formerly the spokesman for president Chaira Herzog. He was also briefly military adjutant to President Ezer Weizman and later Channel 2

NOTWITHSTANDING rumors to the contrary, Candice Bergen will retain her Murphy Brown persona. The star of the popular television series this week signed a contract for yet another season - her 10th.

WHAT DO you give a keen basketball fan for his 42nd birthday? Kevin Costner got a dream present of a one-on-one contest with Magic

No need to ask who won. But Johnson was in a generous mood and allowed Costner to score a few

Grapevine also appears every

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Bibi deprived of his day in the sun

BY MICHAL YUDELMAN

By all accounts, Prime
Minister Binyamin
Netanyahu had a successful trip to Washington. But - oh, cruel fate! - he was deprived of even a brief round of media applause as other dramatic developments stumbled hard upon one another's heels.

Even oo the day before his return, the media had cut short their plandits to swing their spotlights ooto the Shahal-Terner

In these days of salacious tabloid journalism, what could be juicier than a Lolita tale of a police inspector-general and a student?

When Netanyahu arrived on Monday, the headlines already had forgotten his conquest of Washington and were harping instead on his upcoming testimony to police investigating the Bar-On affair.

Well, fair enough - it isn't every day a prime minister is questioned by police. But since there was no sugges-

tion Netanyahu was involved in the Bar-On shenanigans, the master of public relations had expected to give a good show and turn the questioning to his televisiontime advantage.

Alas, again, it was oot to be so. The police finished their questioning of the first citizen late at night. By dawn the next day yet another new affair had burst upon the scene to capture the fickle attention of the media fireflies.

This time it was the dramatic resignation of Dan Avi-Yitzhak, the defense attorney of Arych

The bombshell hogged the air time, overshadowing even the looming Har Homa controversy, with its threats of Palestinian anger and a renewed coalition cri-

Not only did Avi-Yitzhak resign, but he burled some wellaimed parting darts at Deri. He accused the Shas leader of slandering himself and his wife and of telling awful and libelous ales" to the police during his interrogation on the Deri/Bar-On.

The reason Deri told the police Yitzhak in his resignation letter, was "my 'great sin' in objecting to your plan to appoint Roni Ba On as Attorney-General."

Ahal This was why the media pounced. This was the first public confirmation that Deri had planned or acted in some way on the proposed appointment of Bar-On. This was something all parties questioned had so far denied - at least in earshot of the public. However, Deri quickly pointed

ont that Avi-Yitzhak's charge did oot link him to a deal on the. Hebron agreement, oor to a plea bargain with Bar-On in Deri's criminal trial.

This was the essence of Channel 1's story that blew the affair open.

In any case, Deri summed up these new revelations as "all

So far police bave questioned 22 people, including the prime minister, two ministers, four MKs, seven lawyers and three

Israel Broadcasting Aothority people.
Who is telling the truth? Who is lying? What is the truth? Will we

ever know?... As all too often in this country's public affairs, we are left with more questions and few answers, as we wait for the next crisis to blow the story away.

But, as a senior police source put it, "the stink coming from the scandal is oow greater than ever."

TRAP DOOR

"What's he up to now?" wondered Labor Party people when Netanyaho invited the opposition leaders to a briefing oo cabinet plans for Jerusalem's Har Homa

The answer was straightforward.

Threatened from his right by coalition partners who said they would quit unless he starts building in Har Homa, and faced with a Security Services warning of a new disaster, Netanyahu needed Labor's backing.

"Dou't fall into the trap

Netanyahu is setting for you." Meretz leader Yossi Sarid cautioned Labor chairman Shimon

He said Labor should not support the cabinet's plan to build in the controversial spot.

"Wheo the catastrophe comes, and come it will, they will have Labor and Peres to blame for it, said Sarid, "because Peres is

always to blame.

Labor MKs guessed that by inviting them, Netanyahu was agaio signaling to extreme right-wingers threatening the coalition, that in the final analysis he really doesn't need them, because Labor and a national unity government are a consistent option.

At the briefing session, Uzi Baram could not resist an "I told

you so.
"A year ago you built your election campaign on the slogan 'Peres will divide Jerusalem.' We knew then it was a lie," he told Netanyahu.

Have you realized yet that it was a lie when today when you call us to back your plans to build in Jerusalem?"

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Uzi Baram: Likud accused us of dividing Jerusalem last year and now they call on us to back plans for building in the capital.

When the Laborites trooped out again, they said the prime minis-ter decided oothing about Har Homa, so they felt no need to take

a stand on the matter. these terrible fibs, said Avi- . This was just as well, because had they been required to take a stand, the Laborites would have

A day earlier, MKs Ehud Barak and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer had urged boilding in Har Homa

without delay.
Yossi Beilin, Baram and others, while oot disputing Israel's right to build there, thought the timing

decidedly off.
Why sabotage the peace process and increase the danger of riots and violence when sovereignty over Jerusalem is oot even at issue, they asked.

WISDOM OF THE SAGES

The Ivry commission is still investigating the causes for the helicopter disaster near the Lebanese border which killed 73 soldiers.

In his wisdom, Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef already knows the answer.

During a coodoleoce visit, Yosef told a bereaved family that the helicopter victims are "reincarnated souls who have finished atoning for their sins in a previous life."

Some years ago, when several dozen schoolchildren were killed in a tragic bus accident at Habonim intersection, the then interior minister, Yitzhak Peretz, also of Shas, said they died because the mezuzot io their homes were faulty.

Sarid branded Yosef's statement "disgusting and outrageous" and called for him to be censured for trampling on the feelings of bereaved families in this way.

"If the deceased soldiers indeed were reincarnated souls who had finished atoning for their sins, then Yosef is a bad soul which hasn't even begun atoning for his sins yet," snapped Sarid.

The Association for the

Freedom of Science, Religion and Culture remioded Yosef that reincarnations, incantations and election amulets are all alien to the spirit of Judaism and have no place in Israeli society.



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By JENNIFER PRIEDLIN

Decision Systems buys interest in Mofet

Data Systems Software Inc. has announced that its Decision Systems Israel Ltd. subsidiary has purchased shares in Mofet Venture Capital Fund Management Ltd. that it did not previously own, and resold a 25% interest to FIHI Holding Company Ltd. and a 25% interest to the Menorah Insurance Company Ltd. DSI will retain a 50% interest in Mofet.

Mofet is the manager of Mofet Israel Technology Fund Ltd., a publicly-held venture capital fund that has invested approximately \$18m. in 23 high-tech companies to date.

Emultek, Motorola get \$1.1m. for joint project

Emultek Ltd. of Jerusalem and Motorola Inc. of Illinois recently announced that they have received a \$1.1m. allocation from the BIRD foundation, for a \$3m. joint development pro-

Under the terms of the project, Emultek and Motorola's Corporate Software Center will work together to enhance the Emultek's "Rapid" tool for virtual prototyping. Rapid is a software tool that allows simulation development of interactive sys-

ESC Medical to acquire Luxar

ESC Medical Systems Ltd. (Nasdag: ESCMF) recently announced an agreement to acquire Luxar Corporation, a designer and manufacturer of surgical and cosmetic lasers, for an undisclosed sum.

Following the acquisition, which is to be completed within 30 days, Luxar will operate as a subsidiary of ESC Medical. ESC develops medical devices for non-invasive treatment of varicose veins and other benign vascular lesions, as well as for hair removal, skin cancer treatment and skin rejuvenation

Nice Systems and IBS announce joint venture

Nice Systems (TASE: NICE 1), a provider of computer telephony integration solutions, and IBS Corp., a privately-held, San Francisco-based maker of data monitoring technologies, have announced recently that they have teamed together to provide a voice and data evaluation tool for the US call center

Sapiens provides client/server to Poland

Sapiens International Corp. (Nasdaq: SPNSF) recently announced that its flagship product, Sapiens ObjectPool, is being used by Poland's bank to manage the privatization of the country's government-owned husinesses.

The PKO BP bank is using ObjectPool to build an application involving the daily transfer of information from the hank's 49 regional servers to the bank's mainframe computer in Warsaw,

thus centralizing the privatization process.

Sapiens develops client/server development tools and services for clients such as International Paper, the Israeli Air Force,

Talentita das - etche tal tapane, a con mus en come la Siemens aborts plan for new company

Siemens AG, the German multinational that is headquartered in Munich, has decided not to establish a new company here to y sales, because it would require too great an investment.

Siemens's computer support and energy-related equipment will continue to be handled by Siemens Israel.

Teledata authorizes secondary public offering

Teledata Communications (Nasdaq: TLDCF) recently announced that its board of directors has authorized a secondary public offering of the company's ordinary shares and has filed a registration statement with the Securities and

The company is expected to sell up to 1.1 million ordinary

Meanwhile, Teledata announced that it received a \$5.2m. order for a repeat order from an undisclosed European cus-

The Herzliya-based company will supply the customer with its CTLOOP Pair Gain System, which enables telecom providers to connect 10 telephone lines over one copper-wire pair, increasing the number of customers that can be connected

Deliveries will begin in the second quarter of this year and are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Real Vision in private placement deal

TVG Technologies Ltd. (Nasdaq: TVGTF) recently announced that its new subsidiary, Real Vision, Ltd., signed an engagement letter with Oscar Gruss & Son Inc. to raise about \$4m. through a private placement of about 22% of the company. Real Vision has developed a prototype of a 3D image genera-

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Germany plans

BONN (Reuter) - Germany yesterday honed proposals for sweep-ing reforms aimed at boosting its status as a world financial center ahead of increased competition expected to accompany European

reform

The proposals, planned for implementation in 1998, are designed to tighten safeguards for investors, ease access to capital markets for smaller companies, and permit the use of a significantly wider range of financial products.

monetary union.

"Operating conditions on the German financial center are to be adapted to the challenges of the future to secure and improve Germany's international competitive position," the ministry said in a statement.

The reforms will cover the stock market, the investment industry, and laws on venture capital firms areas in urgent need of change, given Germany's reputation for lax investor protection and excessive restrictions on market activity.

The impetus for reform has come in large part from the German financial industry itself, which fears that the disappearance of the mark under a single European currency will roh Germany of its key draw as an international center.

The ministry aims to make it easier for foreign firms to list in Germany, modify listing restrictions for new companies and extend the powers of the country's two-year- old markets watchdog in supervising prospectuses for share

Companies may also be allowed to delist on demand from a regional bourse, a move which would probably lead to even stronger concentration of German listings in

Bonn also wants to legalize a broader range of investment products to help woo risk-averse Germans into the equity market, such as by giving funds leeway to invest in swaps and options and ty funds.

Finally, the current restrictive conditions for venture capital firms are to be liberalized, for example by allowing such firms to take the form of a limited liability company and by giving them more flexibility on refinancing measures.

The first discussion paper on the reforms will be ready to go before parliament next month.

Final legislation will be passed in the form of the Third Financial Markets Promotion Law, which also covers issues such as creating a level playing field for other EU banks and securities houses in line with EU norms.

2 arrests in Migdal embezzlement case financial

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BUSINESS&FINANCE

Jerusalem police are expected to question additional people in connection with alleged financial irregularities at the Jerusalem branch of the Migdal insurance company, a source close to the investigation said yesterday.

The head of collection at the hranch, Yehiel Mandelhaum, is being questioned over irregularities in his department resulting in a shortfall of as much as NIS 2 million.

The shortfall was discovered two weeks ago during a routine internal audit of the hranch. In reaction to the findings, Migdal hired a private investigation firm, which found that hundreds of thousands of shekels - apparently money skimmed off premium deposits - were missing from the hranch. Department head Mandelbaum, 38, joined the company four

Four days ago, Mandelhaum was summoned to Migdal's head office in Tel Aviv to

said he had spent all of the money.

explain the missing money, but failed to show up. He also failed to arrive at work in the Jerusalem branch and was missing from home, and on Wednesday the company notified the police. Yesterday, according to the Ma'ariv daily, Mandelbaum showed up in his home in Jerusalem and was arrested shortly afterwards.

Mandelbaum reportedly told the police he was being blackmailed by Binyamin Retzikovsky, 48, manager of the Shir-Dan insurance agency, which works with Migdal, according to Ma' ariv. Retzikovsky denied the allegation, saying Mandelbaum chose to pay him an undisclosed sum of money "out of his own free will."

Retzikovsky, also held for questioning, reportedly told police the money Mandelbaum paid him was a hribe so that he would not reveal his knowledge of Mandelbaum's embezzlement. Retzikovsky

Migdal said it has insurance coverage for events of this kind. From the moment we transferred the case to the police it is out of our hands," a company spokesman said. "We are currently waiting for the police to reach their conclusions."

Bank Leumi recently sold control of Migdal, one of the country's higgest insurance companies, to leading Italian insurer Generali, in accordance with the newly revised restrictions of the Banking Law on the banks' ownership of non-financial holdings.

The insurance firm completed the first nine months of 1996 with a net profit of NIS 81 million, compared with NIS 75m. in the corresponding period last year. The Migdal group consists of five insurance companies: Migdal, Hamagen, Shimshon, Maoz, and Sela. The group also owns insurance agencies and financial companies.

Mandelbaum's father, Moshe, was Bank of Israel governor in the early 1980s.

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Meridor: Cancel anti-strike decrees

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The cabinet is expected to rescind in its weekly meeting today the emergency decrees it issued in December, when it sought to stem what seemed to be a rising tide of labor unrest. Finance Minister Dan Meridor

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The law allows the government

to meet the needs of such a situation by imposing emergency decrees, under which strikers must return to their jobs. Such decrees expire within three months of their imposition, unless annulled prior to that.

However, should the need for such measures reappear following renewed labor unrest, the

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government would consider

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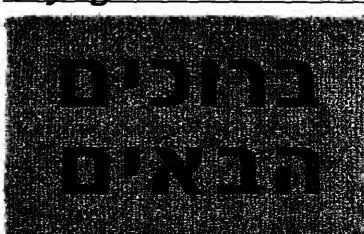
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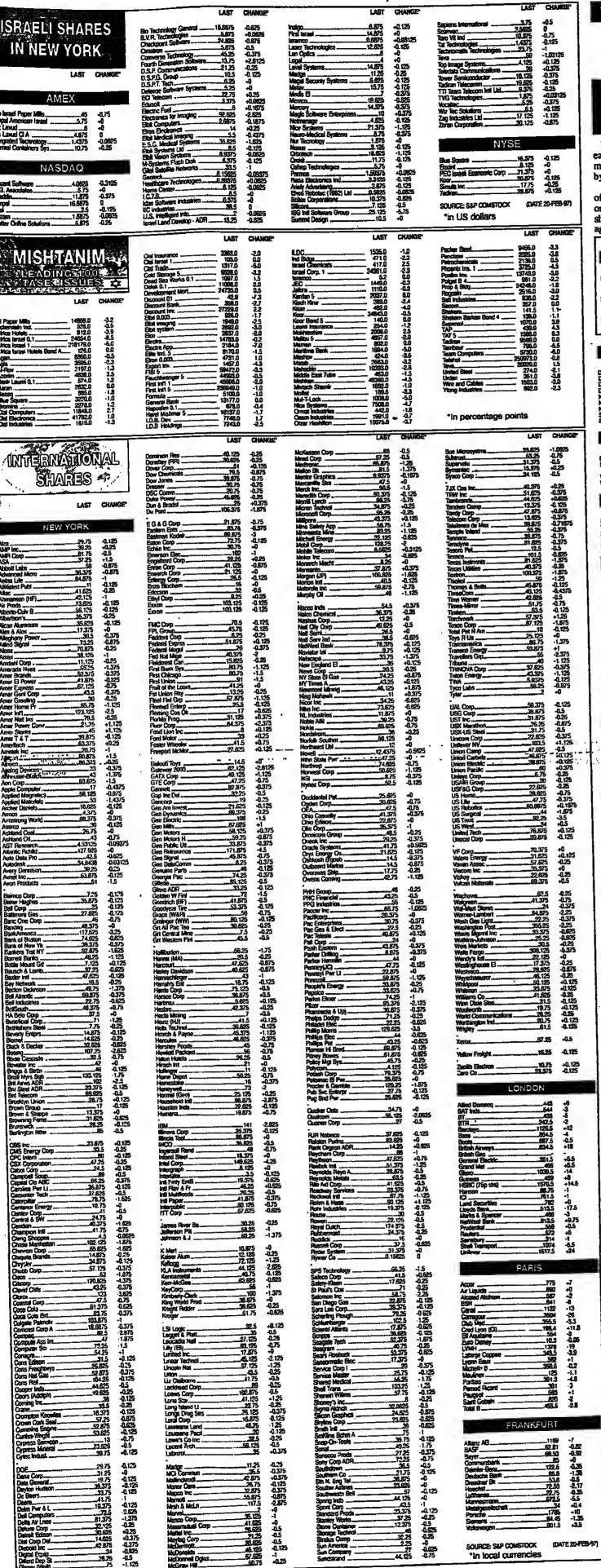
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Shares rebound

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Israeli shares recovered from early losses yesterday to close mixed thanks to aggressive buying by foreign investors, traders said.

The benchmark Mishtanim index of top 100 shares fell 0.38 percent, or 1.02 points, to 266.53 on ailshare turnover of NIS 160 million against NIS 207m. on Wednesday.

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The Maof 25 blue chip index closed 0.07% higher at 274.43.

"The session opened with a mild decline and by midday the indexes fell by 1.3%. Just before the end of the trading day foreign investors started buying Maof shares aggressively and the whole market recovered," said a trader at Evergreen Capital Markets. The correction that started on

Wednesday continued today. Towards the end of the day foreign investors increased their activity in specific shares that are identified with them," said Ronen Kaufman of Nesuah Trading and Investments Supersol, the main gainer on the Maof, rose 3% to 1,070 agorot

recovering from an early decline of 1%. Traders said Supersol is one of the stocks most favored by overseas investors. Foreign investors tend to focus

on the large cap stocks. If it wasn't for them the whole market would

have closed lower," Kanfman

added_ "Many investors want for a correction to start buying so the mar-

ket has difficulties going through a real consolidation," the Evergreen trader said. The small capitalization stocks were today's main losers because they couldn't react on time to the market's recovery." The most active shares were

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which gained 1.5% to 20,020 agorot on volume of NIS 10.5m.; Koor Industries, which fell 0.5% to 34,843 agorot on turnover of NIS 7.8m.; and Israel Chemicals, which gained 2.5% to 417 on volume of NIS 7m.

Africa Israel Investments plunged 8.5% to 24,654 agorot on very low turnover of only NIS 479,000 shekels.

This was only an accident. I am sure that the share will recover on Sunday," Kaufman said.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

German shares fall sharply

LONDON (Reuter) - European markets largely ignored the death of Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping yesterday, but Europe's major bourses all closed lower with German shares suffering the worst losses.

Asian investors marked prices mostly higher in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan as Deng's death removed some market uncertainty. Traders in Europe appeared more concerned, however, about economic data coming out of

Germany. As expected, the German Bundesbank decided to leave interest rates unchanged after releasing money supply data showing strong growth in January.

institute earlier said its west German business climate index jumped to 93.3 in January from 90.9 in December, indicating con-90.9 in December 190.9 in December 190.0 in Dece

Minister Guenter Rexrodt predicted Europe's largest economy would continue to recover this

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Despite the bullish sounds from Rexrodt, German shares fell 1 percent in bourse trade and continued to drop in later screen-based business in line with Wall Street. The 30-share DAX index ended

bourse trade down 37.72 points at 3,196.03, while the IBIS DAX index that reflects screen-based business closed down nearly 12

The country's IFO economic points. WALL STREET ROUNDUP

Dow plunges 92 points

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks ended lower yesterday after being pulled down by profit-taking, a weakening dollar and falling bond prices. t continued a decline that began late Wednesday, and kept falling despite some reassuring government data.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 92.75 points to close at 6,927.38. The Labor Department reported that new claims for jobless benefits

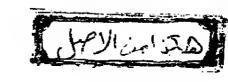
edged up by 1,000 last week, a much smaller advance than the 11,000 increase that many analysts had expected. Also yesterday, the Commerce Department said construction of new homes and apartments totaled 1.35 million at a seasonally adjusted

annual rate, a 2 percent increase from December, but well below the 1.40 million rate that many analysts had expected.

"There's a lot of information coming out, but there's not a strong pat-tern that would be moving the market in either direction," said Mary Farrell, investment strategist at Paine Webber Inc. The market drop followed declines in Treasury bond prices and the

dollar that finished lower in European and US trading.

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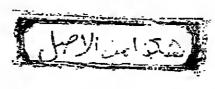
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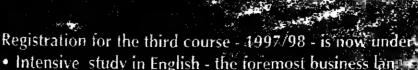
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Kahalani: I'm straight as an arrow

Internal Security Minister the law and anybody who wants to vigdor Kahalani yesterday can inspect me 360 degrees all Avigdor Kahalani yesterday denied reports he had wiretapped rival Ronni Milo during the 1993

Tel Aviv mayoral campaign. "It never happened," Kahalani told reporters at a National Traffic Police conference in Bat Yam. "I'm as straight as an arrow, and that's how I've always been. Last night I slept like a baby. I observe the law and serve as an example in this respect."

Kahalani also denied that any formal probe of the alleged incident was taking place.

"There is no investigation," he said. "Somebody said something, the police checked it out, and that's bow it ended, that's all. I never wiretapped anybody; I'm an honest man, 8 decent man. I obey around and won't find anything." Asked whether be would be able to continue to function as minister

if an investigation takes place, Kahalani replied: There is an attorney-general, I'm the same as any other citizen in the State of Israel. I've got no problem. "I'm not stuck to my seat, and I

won't be stuck to my seat, and I hereby announce there is nothing. Somebody is trying to revive some-thing that died a long time ago. There was once a police investigation; they questioned me and it was: all over They announced uncquiving ocally that there was nothing to it. There was nothing. The best investigators in the State of Israel

Eitan slams Ben-Yair

Former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair is a "fool," who pursued indictments on only one side of the political map to scuttle certain political careers and protect others, Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan said yesterday.

Eitan was acquitted on Wednesday of charges he had violated the Privacy Protection Law when he accepted information culled from an IDF database and allegedly used it to force an activist out of the party.

At a press conference yesterday,

the powers given to the attorneygeneral. Ben-Yair said Eitan's remarks were not worthy of a response.

Eitan called for a reevaluation of

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in brief

Youth charged in rape of little girl

A 15-year-old Lod youth was charged yesterday in Tel Aviv District Court with raping a seven-year-old Ramle girl and abusing her 10-year-old brother and his friend, age eight. According to the indictment, the accused threw burning matches at the children, filled the brother's mouth with mud, tied him op and jumped on the girl's stomach.

In a separate indictment, the youth was also charged with sodomizing a different 10-year-old boy, and stabbing a 15-yearold with a pocket knife.

Galilee slaying suspect's remand extended and

David Kaye, 66, of Klibbutz Sde Nehemia in Upper Calified, Wind police believe was responsible for the staying of kibbutz member and Upper Galilee Local Council head Gadi Metzer on December 22, had his remand extended by nine days yesterday.

Local AIPAC director leaving

Leonard Davis is leaving the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) on March 1st, after 25 years of service, ington as information director, and the last 14 as director of the organization's Israel office. Wendy Singer, who has been with AIPAC for seven years, first as a lobbyist in Washington and currently as deputy director in Israel, has been named acting director in Davis's stead. David Makovsky

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structed in the first stage of devel-

THIS WEEK, the site, at least the ridges overlooking the site, resembled Hebron before redeployment - full of various groups, parlia-mentarians and journalists, gone to take a first-hand look at what all the fuss is about. On Monday. Communications Minister Limor Livnat went there. On Tuesday it was Peace Now's turn, and then Yisrael Ba'aliya. On Wednesday the Land of Israel Front Each day a different delegation, followed by literally – dozens of journalists.

anonymity to what seemed like the center of the universe. Where Har Homa is located is. in itself, very much in the eye of the beholder. When Peace Now brought a delegation to view the hill, Har Homa was described as being between the east Jerusalem village of Umm Tuba and the Palestinian town of Beit Sahur. Peace Now chose to show the hill from an Umm Tuba rooftop - an effort to stress the Palestinian

Like the Shuada Street in Hebron,

Har Homa went overnight from

nature of the area. When the Land of Israel Front was looking at the hill, they were told it sits between Ramat Rahel and Gilo, and is the last link in the chain of new neighborhoods that have gone up around Jerusalem since the Six Day War in an attempt to create Fortress Jerusalem. The MKs were shown the hill from a ridge not far from Gilo - making the hill seem a logical extension of Jewish Jerusalem.

Peace Now activist Tzali Reshef said the neighborhood would be an unnatural incursion into an obviously Palestinian area. National Religious Party MK Hanan Porat said it is part of Jerusalem, and that if Jerusalem will not reach out to Har Homa,

mally intrude on the capital.

Wherever there is territorial continuity," said Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Yuri Stem, who visited the site with the Land of Israel Front, "a border will not run" - the exact reason why the Front is so keen on. seeing development begin, and the exact reason wby the Palestinian leadership are so keen in putting it

"Facts are being established on the ground," Stern said. "What we don't do today because we are afraid, will be that much more difficult to do tomorrow, when the Palestinians have control of even more territory." Stern said that the Palestinians

are doing everything they can to create areas of territorial continuity in the territories, and that Israel should do the same in Greater Jerusalem. Not only will Har Homa link the city's southernmost areas to other Jewish neighborhoods in the capital, but it will prevent the Palestinian villages in the autonomous area from being able to link up with east Jerusalem

According to Stem, a decision. to build would not contravene the Oslo accords, since powhere in the accords does it say Israel cannot build in its capital.

Husseini said, on the other hand. the Oslo accord does prohibit unilateral acts that could prejudice final-status talks on Jerusalem. It is indeed the unilateral pature of the decision to build which is so

infuriating to the Palestinians, and to opponents of the orighborhood. They say that the Oslo process, and the fact that the status of Jerusalem will be negotisted, means that Israel can no longer do as it wishes in the city. "As long as we have decided that Jerusalem's final status will be determined together," said Peace Now political secretary Mossy Raz, "we cannot just make decisions alone. We have to decide these issues togeth-

But to the Right, words like these mean that Israel has already given up sovereignty over an Bethlehem - meaning the undivided Jerusalem, even before

Palestinian Authority - will even- final-status talks bave begun. Even talking about what to do on Har Homa, be it with the Palestinians or even with the Americans, is viewed by some as an encroachment on total Israeli control of the city. "We don't tell the Americans that they do pr don't have the right to build in south Washington DC," Kleiner said. "They have no right to tell us

where to build in Jerusalem."

LURKING not far behind all the talk about building the peighborhood is the fear that construction will lead to a round of violence that would dwarf the riots that followed the September opening of the new exit to the Western Wall tunnel. "If the government takes such a provocative step, at such a delicate time, it may well lead to serious consequences." Peace Now's Reshef said. "I warn the government that there are elements on the other side liable to use what happens here for things other than demonstrations, and I suggest taking into consideration all these scenarios."

neighborhood will cause "serious

No matter, said Kleiner, who likened a decision not to build because of a fear of confrontation to giving in to terrorist demands, that inevitably only fuel more terrorist demands. "It is a matter of principle," he said. "We are here. If we give in to threats over Jerusalem noday, then tomorrow it will be Nazareth, and the next day will be Nazarem, and the demands Ramle. Everyday the demands. This is

The price of Har Homa, Kleiner said, need not be the loss of lives. "Arafat is smart enough to know that this time, unlike September. he will not catch us by surprise. He will think eight times about doing something, because if he does, he will stand to lose every-

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General Security Service head Ami Ayalon was more direct, and in a meeting with the coalition reportedly said that building the

no different from a policy not to give in to terrorists.

thing that he has gained." So too, said Reshef, will Israel.

CHRISTCHURCH (Reuter) - A

classy, controlled partnership of

170 between Alec Stewart and

Graham Thorpe carried England

to a four-wicket win over New

Zealand in yesterday's opening

England left-arm spinner and man-of-the-match Phil Tufnell

had earlier bounced back from an

off-field controversy to do the

damage to New Zealand, claiming

four for 22 from 10 overs, his best

Earlier this week, England man-

ager John Barclay rejected allega-

tions by staff at a Christchurch

restaurant that Tufnell and two

companions had smoked carnabis

Chasing New Zealand's inade-

quate 222 for six; England had a

brief hiccup when it lost two wick-

ets at 28, before Stewart and

Thorpe took charge, adding 170 in 156 minutes off 207 balls and

often toying with the New Zealand

England had a late scare when

three wickets fell in 19 balls for

the addition of nine runs, but got

through to 226 for cix, with seven.

tricky late situation for England by

thumping his first two balls

abuse scandal is jolting the ice hockey world in Canada, involv-

ing allegations that staff at Maple

Leaf Gardens, one of the sport's

hallowed sites, lured boys into sex

with offers of free tickets and

One alleged victim says he was

the arena, Gordon Stuckless,

appeared in court Wednesday on

charges of indecent assault and

gross indecency and was ordered

held pending a bail hearing next

week. At least two other arena

employees, one of them deceased,

Smckless, 47, worked at the

Gardens until the early 1990s as a

backstage belper at concerts and

Toronto police reported fielding

also allegedly were involved.

player autographs.

IMOLA, Italy (Reuter) - Frederico Bendinelli,

NHL rocked by another

sex-abuse scandal

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dozens of calls from men who said they too were victims of sex abuse at the arena in the 1970s and 1980s. "The phone's been ringing off the "It's been dozens and dozens, liter-

TORONTO (AP) - Another sex- ally. Each one of these people will have to be interviewed.

The one complainant to come forward in public was Martin Kruze, 34, who says the abuse started when he was 13 in 1975 and continued until 1982.

It is the second major sex-abuse case this year to tarnish the image

part of a sex ring from 1975 to

1982 in which group sex took
place in the back rooms of the
building, sometimes during James, was sentenced to
and-a-half years in prison In January, a highly respected junior league eoach, Graham James, was sentenced to threeand-a-half years in prison for A former maintenance worker at repeated sexual abuse of two of his players over a period of years. One of his victims was Sheldon Kennedy, now a forward with the Boston Bruins, who went public with his story of being abused more than 300 times by James.

Kruze first made his allegations in 1993 when he sued Maple Leaf Gardens. He settled out of court for about \$45,000, with the stipulation he not go public, but decided this

month to come forward anyway. Cliff Fletcher, president of the Gardens management company and general manager of the Maple Leafs, said police weren't notified in 1993 because an investigation wall," said Detective Dave Tredrea by a private detective was incon-

WESTERN CONFERENCE

death of Ayrton Serma.
Formula One team chief Frank Williams and five others have been accused of manslaughter after Brazilian three times world champion Senna died at the San Marino Grand Prix on May 1, 1994. adjourned until February 28.

KEEPING THE MOMENTUM - England's Alec Stewart plays off his pads in his 81 against New

England cruises to

limited-overs victory

Having won the second and

third tests of their series, England

carried on from where it left off on

Tuesday and had New Zealand's

New Zealand's batting struggled

after a bright start while the bowl-

mg lacked discipline and penetra-

snappy start with three early

boundaries, New Zealand struck

back with two wickets in three

Atherton played inside a straight ball from off-spinner Dipak Patel

and was bowled for 19, then fel-

low opener Nick Knight edged

Simon Doull to wicketkeeper Lee

But Stewart and Thorpe settled

The England 50 arrived in the

12th over and Stewart took bound-

aries in consecutive deliveries

from Nathan Astle before clubbing

the first ball from medium-pacer

Chris Cairns into the stand at long

quickly into their work.

measure from early in the day.

Senna manslaughter trial opens The defendants, who include Patrick Head, techni-cal director of the Williams team and designer Adrian defendant present on the opening day yesterday at the trial of six men charged with manslaughter over the Bendinelli said the circuit was not responsible. Bendinelli said the circuit was not responsible for Senua's death. "I am completely calm and convinced

that no responsibility will be laid at the eircuit's door," he said. After yesterday's session, the trial is due to be

cession, to fast bowler Heath

Davis. Garvin Larsen and Davis restricted England near the end, 14 runs being needed off the last five overs, and six off the last two when Davis had Dominic Cork caught at mid-

wicket off a full toss. Croft then ended New Zealand's



Mulally 5-2-21-1, Robert Croft 10-1-41-0
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4, Graham Thorpe 6-0-32-0 (1w).
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G. THORPE b Davis
N. HUSSAIN not out
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R. CROFT not out

Stewart took England to 100 with two fours in three halls from the for the through to 226 for any with seven with two fours in these halls from the balls for seven the seven with two fours in these halfs are the WIAL 226 for seven the seven to the balls to spare.

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for two. 25-0 (2w), Heath Davis 85-0-443 (2w), Gavin England needed 30 in the last 10 Course 48 5 through the offside to the fence to overs, but both batsmen were then secure the victory.

Out in the eighties, in quick suc-

Maccabi reaches Final 16 knew cotering the game it needed managed to keep himself in the By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv advanced to the European Final 16 in dramatic fashion, securing a 82-78 victory over Olympiakos only in the closing seconds before a packed house at Yad Eliahu last night.

The win pushed Maccabi's record in the final pool to 9-7 and sent it into the next round to face Efes Pilsen in the best-of-three

series starting on March 6, Randy White, injured earlier in the week during practice, came up with the game of the season, scoring 24 points on 10-14 shooting. He also pulled down six rebounds and had five steals to give Maccabi a needed presence at both ends of the court against the fourtime defending Greek ehampions.

Maccabi broke a 78-78 tie with only 14 seconds remaining when Derrick Sharp scored his first points of the half on an open umper. Olympiakos then raced dowo the court, but Georgias Sigalas's shot was partially blocked and Brad Leaf was fouled collecting the rebound with 4.4

seconds left on the elock. Leaf, 32-32 from the free-throw line in European play to that point, then coolly stepped up to the line to sink his two shots, seal the victory and save the season for the

blue-and-yellow. The tension in the stadium was at fever pitch all night, as Maccabi

a wio or would be eliminated from European play. CSKA Moscow had already defeated Charleroi 80-66 in Moscow before the tip-off in Tel Aviv, meaning Maccabi had only itself to rely on if it was to

advance, something it has not done since the 1991-1992 season. The tight match seemed to finally go Maccabi's way when midway through the second half Maccabi turned a 60-59 deficit with 11 minutes remaining into a 71-62 advantage with only 6:25 left thanks to a technical on Olympiakos's head coach that gave the Israelis a six-point play.

But Maccabi, unpredictable as usual, kept its fans on the edge of their seats as David Rivers and Dragan Tarlach led a comeback for Olympiakos, which as European finalists in both 1994 and 1995 knows a thing or two about crucial games.

To make matters worse, both Nadav Henefeld and Buck Johnson had fouled out for the Israelis. Luckily for Maccabi, however, White stepped forward to carry the team on his shoulders, scoring the next seven points for

He had pleoty of help on a night where several Maccabi players came through in the elutch. Henefeld was scoreless in the first half and committed his fourth foul

30 seconds after the break but

from three-point range, while out-

"I have no sympathy for them,"

Dominique Wilkins and Cari

Herrera scored 17 points apiece for

San Antonio, losers of five in a row.

bave been without star center

David Robinson for most of the

season, have 39 losses in 51

games after losing just 43 games

in the previous two seasons com-

Magic 95, Blazers 84

points and Horace Grant added 20

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS:

Penny Hardaway scored 21

bined.

The injury-riddled Spurs, wbo

Williams said. "Last year, when 1 was with Sacramento, they kieked

rebounding the Spurs 55-35.

our butts all over the place."

game for the next 13 minutes, scoring oine key points in the

Buck Johnson led Maccabi in the first half, scoring 16 of his 22 points, mostly on strong moves in the paint. This inside presence was all the more important for Maccabi, which was out-rebounded all night by the taller and strong

Doron Sheffer, who was also in foul trouble, turned in a steady performance with nine points and seven rebounds.

And Leaf, who has been sorely missed recently in European play due to an injury, made his usually key contributions.

Maccabi had fallen behind 44-39 with only 46 seconds remaining in the first half when Leaf got himself to the foul line for five shots, making all of them to knot up the score at the break. The last three came after he had gathered a rebound, raced down the court, and was fouled throwing up a shot from well behind the three-point

line as time ran out. Maccabi finished fourth in Group E after Alba Berlin defeated Stefanel Milan 91-80. This meant that Alba finished second with a 10-6 mark, while Olympiakos edged out Maccabi (both 9-7) for the third spot thanks to the Greeks' nine-point victory

Maccabi faces a tough series against Efes Pilsen, which finished first in its group with a 12-4 record and has the support of its fanatical Turkish fans for the first and, if needed, last game.

For Olympiakos, Rivers scored 19, Sigalas 17, Tarlach 14, and

Evric Gray 12.
For Maccabi, White bad 24,
Johnson 22, Henefeld and Sheffer 9, Leaf 7, Sharp 6, Borko Radulovic 3 and Oded Katash 2, sinking bis only points of the night on free throws following the tech-

nical. The other final 16 matchups from Group E will pit Olympiakos against Partizan Belgrade and Stefanel Milan against Kinard Bologna, which edged into the next round with a 73-57 home vic-

tory over Split last oight. The other teams advancing to the Final 16 are Teamsystem Bologna, Cibona Zagreb, Estudiantes Madrid, Limoges, Panathinaikos, Villeurbanne, Olympia Ljubljana and San Fernando (from Spain).

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Raptors set team three-point mark

SAN ANTONIO (Reuter) -Damon Stoudamire scored 21 points to lead six players in double figures and the Toronto Raptors established a team record for three-pointers in a 125-92 rout of

the hapless San Antonio Spurs The Raptors never trailed, posted a season high in points while knocking down 15 three-pointers. Toronto snapped a five-game

losing string with just their fourth road win in 24 away games this season. "I was nervous about the game but we were determined to get a wie on this road trip," said Raptors coach Darrell Walker. "Our club played really hard

tonight. We got some easy shots and made some big threes. Walt Williams scored 19 points and Carlos Rogers added 18 and nine rebounds for the Raptors, who shot 55 percent (49-of-89) from the field and 60% (15-of-25)

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last week when the team also fell 2-1 at home to

lowly Hapoel Beit She'an, will be up against it, need-

ing to overcome the stiff challenge of Maccabi which

will not want to lose two derbies in one season after

Hapoel Beersheba hosts Toto Cup finalists Bnei

Yehuda, and here, again, anything is possible. The

Negev side will almost certainly remain in third posi-

tion regardless of its and other results this weekend,

but the team will be buoyed by its confident perfor-

mance at Teddy Stadium last Saturday.

Bnei Yehuda will also feel it has something to prove

following the Toto Cup semifinal win over Maccabi

Tel Aviv in midweek, even if its chances of winning

Other unpredictable matches in the upper division

appear to be in Rishon where Ironi hosts Hapoel Kfar

Sava, at Teddy Stadium where Hapoel Jerusalem

plays Hapoel Tel Aviv and at Beit She'an which will

welcome another visit by faltering Maccabi Haifa.

More predictable appear to be the games between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Zafririm Holon and Hapoel

Maccabi Tel Aviv and Zafririm Holon and Hapoel Haifa, who are at home to listless Hapoel Taiba.

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches tomorrow unless stated):

Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Zafririm Holon, National Stadium Ramat Gan 16:00; Maccabi Herzliya v. Betar Jerusalem, Herzliya 16:00; Hapoel Beersheba v. Bnei Yehnda, Beersheba 15:00; Hapoel Haifa v. Hapoel Taiba, Kiryat Eliezer 15:30; Maccabi Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Petah Tikva, Petah Tikva 17:45; Hapoel Belt She'an v. Maccabi Haifa, Belt She'an, today 14:30; Ironi Rishon Lezion v. Hapoel Ktar Sava, Rishon 15:00; Hapoel Jerusalem v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Teddy Stadium 15:00.

the league are all but non-existent.

going down by the lone goal last September.

made a winner out of new coacb Richie Adubato. Adubato was making his debut as Orlando head coach after Brian

Hill was fired Tuesday. Orlando center Rony Seikaly

and 10 rebounds as the bost Magic was ejected with 5:24 remaining after receiving two technicals for arguing with officials. But the Magic, who led 82-79 after Isaiah Rider made both free throws for Portland, went on an 8-0 run to put the game away.



Orlando Magic foreward Dennis Scott confronts Portland's

Ein Gedi Race Toto mania grips country

sets off tomorrow

By HEATHER CHAIT The 15th Ein Gedi Race, the lowest race oo earth, in memory of Giora and Tomer Ron, will set

out tomorrow morning, regardless of the weather. This year's race combines sport and politics as runners from last week's Luxor Marathon in Egypt will be competing. Following contacts between the organizers of both races, a timetable was drawn

un offering runners the opportunity to enter both events. One bundred runners from Germany will be the first group to

participate in the double running festival. Among the 1,000 runners at the starting line will also be runners from Morocco, Kenya, Spain and

the United States. Some of the prominent names are Boiya Bernard Renlon from Kenya with his best time of 1:01.26 in the half-marathon, Jose

Maria Fernandez Atienza from Spain (1:02.23) and Patric Ndaysenga, second in the Tel Aviv Marathoo wbosc best time is 1:02.33. Hungarian Helena Barocsi, who won the women's

Bimro, Ayalah Setinc, Amit Nciman, Dov Kremer and among the women ldit Ganot Keren-Zvi and Ella Krimus. Besides the half-marathon which starts at 10:15 am, there

Local names ioclude Assaf

race last year, has also entered.

will also be a 10km run at 10:00 and a 2km race for ehildren at 10:30. The men's and women's winners will each receive NIS 3,000 with NIS 2,000 for a second place finish and NIS 1,000 for third

less than 1:04.15 for the men and 1:14.41 for the women will result in a bonus of NIS 1,500. Late entries will be accepted until 4 pm today at (07) 6594422.

place. A record-breaking time of

Motevassel last Israeli left in tennis satellite

By HEATHER CHAIT

Top seed Oren Motevassel is the last Israeli player in today's semi-

finals of the Club Hotel Eilat satellite in Ashkelon. Motevassel will play sixth seed Dmitri Tomashevich from Uzbekistan. Yesterday Motevassel beat Jim Thomas from the United States 7-5, 6-4 and Tomashevich defeated Amir Hadad who had disposed of Noam Behr in a surprising second-round match. Tomashevich won 7-6(7/4), 6-1 against Hadad.

The other semifinal will be a contest between unseeded players Julien Variet from France and Claude N'Goran. Variet, a qualifier in the competition who beat last week's winner Andrew Ilie in the second round. vesterday knocked out fourth seed Argentinian Andres Zingman 4-6, 7-6(7/1), 6-3. N'Goran, who was responsible for second seed Nir Welgreen's exit,

yesterday beat Yoni Erlich 6-4, 7-5. Today's matches begin at 10:30 am with the final tomorrow at the

LONDON (AP) - Arsenal striker eree nor the linesman had a clear when Wright accused the Dane of

out of trouble. Wright, who has one of the worst disciplinary records in English soccer, faces a possible long suspension for his latest run-in with

Manchester United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel Wright made a reckless two-footed lunge at the Danish 'keeper as they both raced for the ball near the edge of the penalty area in the 76th minute of United's 2-1 victory at Highbury on Wednesday night.

Wright, who had already picked

up a yellow card, was lucky not to

Ian Wright just can't seem to stay view of the incident.

Schmeichel lay writhing on the game against Chelsea.

Schmeichel pointed and shouted at Wright as the players headed into the tunnel. The Arsenal striker had to be restrained as he went after Schmeichel, with police officers and stewards stepping between the two. The bad blood between the two

After the final

using racist abuse during Arsenal's loss at Old Trafford.

Police informed referee Martin Bodenham of the post-game con-

ing the game into disrepute. Wright, who leads the Premier League with 24 goals, has already served a three-match ban this season after a sending-off.

Wednesday's yellow card took him past 21 disciplinary points for have been sent off. Neither the ref- players dates back to November another two-match suspension.

Wright in trouble again

ground after the challenge. He finished the game himping, and the club said he suffered a badly swollen ankle that could keep him out of tomorrow's crucial league

frontation and he confirmed he would include it in his match report to the Football Association. The FA could decide to charge Wright with misconduct or bring-

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS: N.Y. Rangers 1, New Jersey 1; Hartford 2, Philindelphia 2; Detroit 4, Calgary 4; Edmonton 6, Toronto 5.

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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS: N.Y. Rangers 1. New Jersey 1: Hartford 2.

Toto stations were overflowing from yesterday morning and by last night it became a torrent as punters spent the evening trying to fill in their forms.

The highlighted game of the weekend is the Petah

Tikva derby between host Maccabi and second-

placed Hapoel, and as it is the last game of the week-

end's program, many nails will be bitten away and

many a pack of cigarettes will go up in smoke as the

lucky few, who will have managed to correctly fore-

cast the earlier games, will hope for this one to go

open games. Leaders Betar Jerusalem, which lost for

the first time in the current campaign last weekend

when they fell 1-0 at home to Hapoel Beersheba,

travel to Maccabi Herzliya, where they will be out to reassert their challenge for the championship.

and Hapoel, which failed to capitalize on Betar's loss

The Petah Tikva derby looks like an open affair too.

This weekend's National League action has a lot of

By ORI LEWIS

Punters from all walks of life will be eagerly await-

ing the final results of all 15 games on the Sportoto

At first glance, it appears as if the prediction of all

form as a record minimum jackpot of NIS 21 million

the results will be no easier than last week, when

some surprising results caused this week's prize to be

the largest ever. This bas not deterred punters, how-

ever, as well over 30 million lines are expected by

Sportoto, this compared to an average week when

awaits a lucky person (or people).

some six million lines are entered.

their way as well.

Polish gov't OKs restitution of Jewish communal property

By BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

Poland's parliament yesterday approved a hill on state relations with Jewish communities which will allow its nine tiny surviving communities to recover some property lost during and after the Holocaust.

Nazi invaders robbed and murdered most of Poland's 3.5 million Jews during the war and communal property such as synagogues, schools, and ritual baths were then taken over by Poland's post-war communist authorities. The hill, which easily cleared the lower house hut must still pass through the Senate to become law.

will provide a legal framework for the surviving congregations, numbering 3,000 to 5,000 Jews, to reclaim some property.

Pawel Wildstein, head of the

Union of Jewish Communities in Poland, cautiously welcomed the hill but said it had flaws. "The Union and I are fairly pleased that after 800 years of our existence on Polish soil we have got a basic document like this law regulating relations between the state and the Jews." Wildstein told Reuters.

He criticized some aspects of the bill, including a clause preventing claims on property which has already been sold or passed on to third parties such as private indi-viduals.

there are some 1,100 cemeteries, 350 synagogues, 28 funeral homes, 27 schools, as well as hospitals and other sites that once belonged to Jewish groups.

Some Polish critics of the hill argued it might allow the tiny Jewish minority to inherit a huge legacy which is could not use. while depriving current occupants of such assets.

The cash-starved Jewish congregations expect to reclaim some property and to derive income from others to pay hills, provide social welfare for the old or look after cemeteries which have fallen into ruin or been vandalized without anyone to tend them.

Wildstein ridiculed talk that the property Jewish bodies could potentially reclaim represented huge fortunes. "These are halfdestroyed remnants of synagogue. walls, these are 1,064 cemeteries, knocked down, wrecked, profaned. Even if we just tried to put

walls up around these cometer-

ies...the money would not pay for

one half," he said. Jewish organizations abroad, which have long been pressing the Polish government to settle property issues left over from the Holocaust and the communist era, were much more critical of the

This is a minimalist hill and does not give back the Jewish

properties that belonged to them before 1939," said Naphtali Lavie. vice-chairman of the Israel-based World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO).

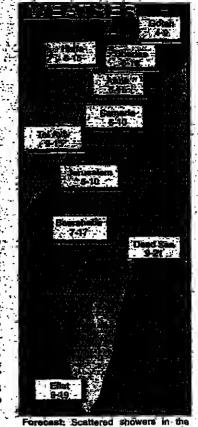
Lavie said it actually guaranteed that only those buildings now in use by the nine congregations would be regained, but Polish government officials say the scope would in fact be much wider than

"This law simply legitimizes the plundering and theft of Jewish property on the part of the Nazis in 1939 and the Polish government which inherited the property after

Lavie said that the Polish gov-

ernment had, over the years, passed 32 laws and regulations regarding Jewish properties, all of which served to "legitumize" the holding of the properties. which had been handed over to them as "alien" assets after the

According to the law, Lavie said, Jewish communal property, such as synagogues and mikves, will be handed back to the nine communities in Poland. "Now," Lavie said, "perhaps the 2,000 or so Jews still living in Poland will get what they deserve, but they are returning only the smallest part" of the total Jewish assets. "It is robbery - and we shall not keep quiet," he said.



Tenenbaum suspended by Pentagon

News agencies

The Pentagon said yesterday it had put a tank engineer in Michigan on administrative leave and revoked his work permit, while the FBI investigates whether he divulged US military secrets to Israel over the past 10

Army Lt. Col. Nancy Burt, a Department spokesman, stressed that David Tenenbaum, a 39-year-old civilian, had not been arrested and that no charges had been filed in the case.

"He has been placed on paid administrative leave. His employee hadge and his parking permit have been revoked pending the outcome of the investi-

gation," she said. The FBI disclosed on Wednesday that federal agents had seized computers, financial records, and other documents from the metropolitan Detroit home of Tenenbaum, a mechanical engineer for the US Army Tank, Automotive, Armaments Command

Warren, Michigan. In an affidavit filed in US District Court in Detroit, FB1 Special Agent Sean Nicol said that Tenenbaum violated federal laws on espionage, counterintelligence, and computer crimes.

The FBI said in the affidavit that Tenenbaum admitted to divulging non-releasable classified information to every Israeli liaison officer assigned to TACOM over the last 10 years.

David Bar-Illan, senior adviser to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, yesterday denied there was any "improper contact" with Tenenhaum.

There has been no improper contact between Tenenhaum and anybody or [any] institute associated with the State of Israel,"

The information Tenenhaum allegedly disclosed included Patriot missile countermeasures data, ceramic armor data, armor test and survivability data, and unreleasable classified information on the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the Humvee transport vehicle, according to the affidavit.

The FB1 said Tenenhaum admitted that he "inadvertently" gave information to the Israeli officers and to Reuven Granot, Scientific Deputy Director of the Ministry of Defense.

The ministry said Wednesday its personnel are under orders not to accept any secret US

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Immigrants arriving from the former Soviet Union earlier this week are greeted by Martin Kraar (right), executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations, which is conducting a week-long seminar in Jerusalem.

New branch of McDonalds targets Arabs

By DAVID RUDGE

McDonald's is due to open its first branch in the Israeli Arab sec-

The latest McDonald's, with signs in English, Hehrew and Arabic, is situated on the Haifa-Karmiel road opposite the entrance to Tamra, in the Galilee.

"The opening of the McDonald's branch in the Arah sector is a very positive step, which makes another contribution to the Arab sector, both from the business and economic aspects," Tamra Municipality spokesman Diam Ra'id.

"If McDonald's decided to open a branch in the Arab sector, it's a sign that we are on the map. We hope this will be a stepping stone to the opening of more businesses in the region," said Ra'id. The branch includes a restaurant

that accommodates 100 people inside and a further 50 outdoors. It also has a drive-in window.

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D'Amato implicated in campaign money scandal

By Jerusalem Post Staff

New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (Rep.), whose sagging popularity was rehabilitated by his probe of the Nazi gold scandal, is now in the midst of his own

imbroglio.
D'Amato, head of a committee that solicits donations for national Republican Senate candidates. used the funds to help New York State Republicans, according to The New York Times.

Unbeknownst to donors, \$1.9 million contributed to national Republican Senate campaigns, through a labyrinth of transfers, ended up in the campaign fund of New York Governor George Pataki, the Times reported.

In an editorial titled, "Senator D'Amato Shuffles the Money," the newspaper yesterday called for an investigation of D'Amato's "creative fund-raising practices," saying he "smashed the spirit" of

Times also suggested that Senate investigators examine the relationship between D'Amato's fundraising and his role as chairman of

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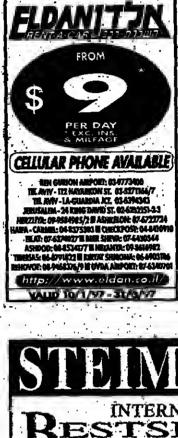
the Senate Banking Committee.
D'Amato insists he did nothing We don't have an obligation to tell people" where their campaign contributions went, he told the Times. "Money is fungible." The editorial cited as an example a

\$100,000 senatorial donation from cosmetics executive Ronald Lauder, half of which was transferred to the Pataki campaign, even though state law limits to \$28,000 individual contributions

to gubernatorial candidates.

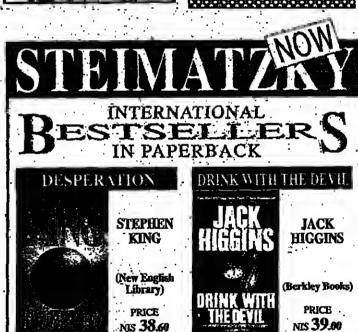
Lander was not available for comment yesterday. It was not known if Lauder, who has strong ties to D'Amato and Pataki, was aware of the transfer.

Lauder, the new president of the Jewish National Fund and contender for chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, is an executive of the World Jewish Congress. It was the WJC that drew D'Amato into the Swiss banks and Nazi gold affair, asking him to use his post as the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee to investigate the banks.



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